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Lights go out in city that never sleeps

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NEW YORK—New York, the city that never sleeps, had an early lights out Thursday (Friday in Manila), with even the neon wonderland of Times Square plunged into darkness.

With the giant advertising billboards, television monitors and glitzy Broadway theaters all blacked out by the massive outages that hit the northeastern United States, the only light came from passing cars, torches and glowing cigarettes.

Giovanni Leonardo stood in a long line, waiting for the bus above a subway station where no trains were running.

"It feels like Sept. 11 all over again," said Leonardo, 26, of Staten Island. "It's that 'What's going on?' feeling."

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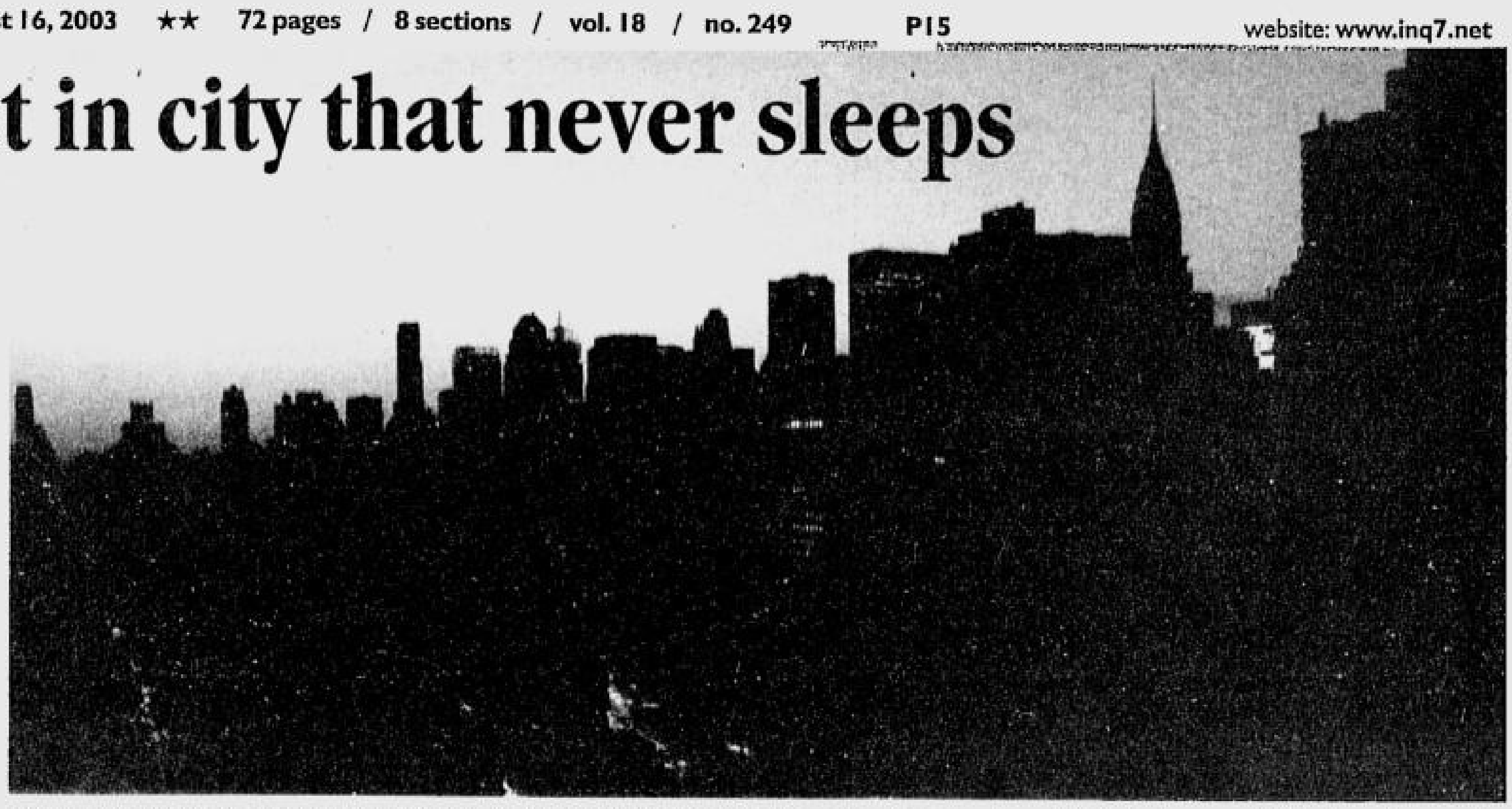
THAT 9/11 feeling over again as New York City and other American and Canadian cities are plunged into darkness on Friday trapping people in subways, closing down Broadway shows and nine nuclear power plants from New York to Michigan. AP

Magdalo boys clam up

Asia's most wanted arrested in Thailand

BANGKOK—His face altered by plastic surgery, the man believed to be al-Qaida's top man in Asia and mastermind of deadly bombings including the Bali explosions and the 9/11 attacks in the United States, has been captured in Thailand, handed over to the Americans and flown to Indonesia, officials said yesterday.

HAMBALI: One of JI founders, the only non-Arab on the al-Qaida military committee. AP

Hambali, born Riduan Isamuddin, was arrested Monday along with his wife by Thai and US officials in Ayutthaya, the ancient Thai capital 80 kilometers north of Bangkok, a senior Thai general said. He is reportedly being interrogated at a secret location by US investigators.

"A special flight from the United States picked him up at Bangkok airport on Wednesday morning," said the police general, who declined to be identified.

But Bali's police chief, Maj. Gen. I Made Pastika who led the investigation into the nightclub bombings on that resort island in October 2002 that killed

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Commission counsel accused of pro-gov't bias

By TJ Burgonio and Volt Contreras

THE CHIEF COUNSEL of the Feliciano Commission is acting like "a lawyer of the President."

Homobono Adaza, legal counsel for the leaders of the July 27 mutiny, yesterday said Mario Ongkiko's behavior was why three of his clients refused to take the witness stand at the resumption of the commission's inquiry into their short-lived rebellion.

The decision of Army Capt. Gerardo Gambala, Marine Capt. Gary Alejano and Navy Lt. (s.g.) James Layug to stop talking prompted the six-member commission led by former Justice Florentino Feliciano to cancel the hearing that was to start at 9 a.m. at AFP headquarters in Camp Aguinaldo.

Nevertheless, Feliciano required the three officers to appear before the commission. He told them that the inquiry was not prosecutorial but fact-finding in nature.

The commissioners welcomed the officers' move, saying this would effectively shorten the proceedings. But they did not rule out summoning the officers again if they saw the need, and if the latter agreed to do so.

It was after Gambala had taken his oath that Adaza rose and informed the commission about the officers' decision to submit affidavits instead of taking the witness stand.

"It is the considered opinion of our clients as well as the private lawyers representing them that instead of testifying orally before the honorable commission, we will just all submit an affidavit," he said, adding that they had prepared a letter to this effect.

Feliciano granted the request after getting Adaza's assurance that it would be all right for the commission to borrow and use "stenographic notes" of the officers' testimony before other investigating bodies.

Later in an interview with reporters, Adaza said Ongkiko's alleged bias against his clients and for President Macapagal-Arroyo was the main reason for the officers' decision against making an oral testimony.

"The behavior of Attorney Ongkiko . . . is not consistent with the role of the lawyer of the commission," Adaza said, adding:

"He acts as a lawyer of GMA, which is not right. And then he was badgering the witness. He was prohibiting the witness from expanding on the tes-

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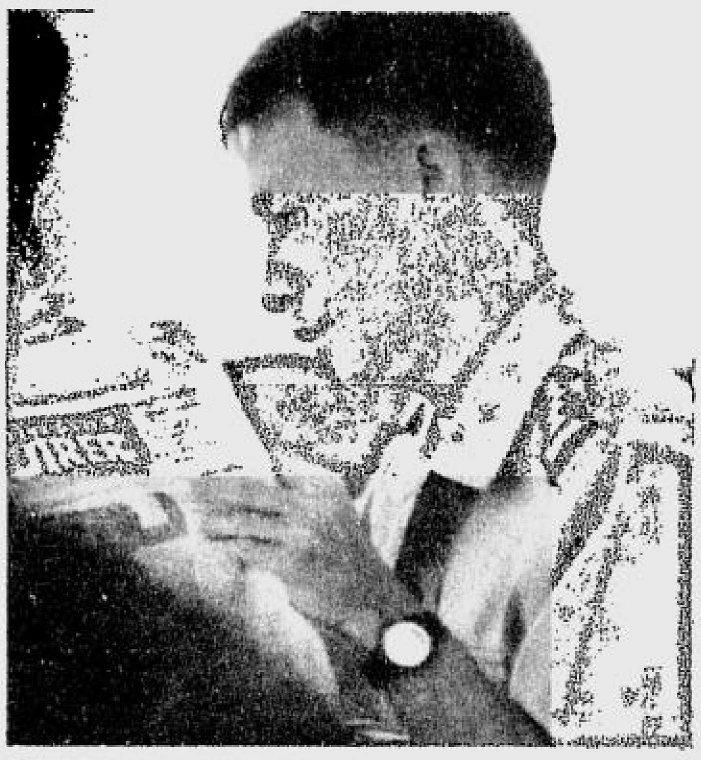
CAPT. GERARDO GAMBALA whiles away his time Friday before the Feliciano Commission canceled its hearing for the day. JOAN BONDOC

Shattered dreams: RAMboys desert Gringo

By Cynthia D. Balana

SPECIAL REPORT

NO MEMBER of the Rebolusyonaryong Alyansang Makabansa has come forward to deny that the most famous RAMboy of them all—Sen. Gregorio Honasan—had a role in the July 27 mutiny in Makati City. Instead, his ex-colleagues have stepped forward to say Honasan had actually hatched a coup plot against President Joseph Estrada in late 2000. In that difference lies an unhappy, largely untold tale.

Police Director Eduardo Matillano told the INQUIRER that the meeting where Honasan allegedly disclosed the plot to RAM officials really did take place. And in an interview yesterday with radio dzRH, retired Navy Commander Jaime Lucas said the same thing. Both confirmed the claim of retired Navy Capt. Proceso Maligalig, the RAM spokesperson, that Honasan had planned to assassinate Estrada.

Coldly analyzing the media impact on Honasan, retired Commodore Rex Robles predicted the senator, currently in hiding, would surface once news stories about him disappear from the front page.

Matillano said the plot was accidentally discovered by former Col. Billy Bibit, now the customs collector in Cebu City. Lucas said he had no inkling of the plot, including the assassination plan, until after Bibit queried Honasan about what to do with the people he (Bibit) was training in Bacolod to attack Malacañang.

What Maligalig failed to mention in his account, Lucas said, was a key detail: Honasan had asked each of the seven present in the January 2001 meeting who among them were guarding Senate President Aquilino Pimentel, Chief Justice Hilario Davide and Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

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Oscar Lopez says GMA bad for business

INDUSTRIALIST Oscar Lopez has said President Macapagal-Arroyo has let the business sector down with populist policies which, he argued, could drive the Philippines down the "road to ruin."

"Populist politics and economics, practiced Philippine-style, discourages investment," said Lopez, the chair and chief executive officer of Benpres Holdings, the holding company of the Lopez Group, one of the country's most powerful business clans.

Lopez, who spoke at a Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines briefing late Thursday, said the Philippines needed "strong leadership" that he did not see in Ms Macapagal or any of the

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"A BAND of arrogant rogues," President Macapagal lashes out at the Magdalo leadership on Friday when she inaugurated the Mogpog Bridge in Barangay Kandahon, Marinduque.

Erap slay plot trying to divide opposition

By Michael Lim Ubac, Christine O. Avendaño and Armand N. Nocum

THE REACTION to the disclosure that Sen. Gregorio Honasan had plotted to kill President Joseph Estrada in 2001 mostly followed partisan lines.

Opposition Sen. Aquilino Pimentel yesterday said he doubted the allegation raised by Rebolusyonaryong Alyansang Makabansa spokesperson Proceso Maligalig. "I can only say that it sounds far-fetched," Pimentel said.

Administration Sen. Ramon Magsaysay said the allegations could "do damage" to Honasan's reputation.

And Estrada, the alleged target of the assassination plot, laughed off the claim with a one-liner. "*Magaling kayo gumawa ng* script (You write good scripts)."

The spokesperson of the Philippine Guardians Brotherhood Inc., the Guardians faction most closely identified with Honasan, called Maligalig a liar.

Pimentel, calling the allegation a "fantastic tale," said he suspected that an "unseen hand" could be engaged in a media war to muddle the ongoing Senate inquiry into the Oakwood mutiny.

He said the move was actually aimed at the legal political opposition.

Pimentel admitted that the opposition camp was already frag-

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Sin may stay on as archbishop

By Blanche S. Rivera

MANILA Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin may not be retiring after all even as he hits the mandatory retirement age for prelates in two weeks.

Sin, who turns 75 on Aug. 31, has not received any communication from the Vatican concerning his retirement. Priests who turn 75 are compelled to hand in their resignation letters to the Pope on their birthday.

Sources close to the influential prelate said yesterday "all indications" were that Sin would be staying on as Manila archbishop, citing the non-appointment of a coadjutor bishop—an understudy who would be trained to take over the retiring official's post.

The sources, who asked not to be named, said the Vatican should have named a coadjutor bishop months ago if Sin was going to retire on his birthday.

"It's only a few weeks before the cardinal's birthday and there has been no one named. If the Vatican appoints somebody after the cardinal's birthday, that would not be a coadjutor bishop but the next archbishop already," one source said.

A coadjutor bishop effectively takes on the job of bishop-in-charge of the archdiocese and assists the archbishop in ministering to the faithful and administering the affairs of the diocese. The coadjutor bishop then assumes the post of archbishop when his predecessor resigns.

Sin himself was appointed coadjutor bishop of Jaro, Iloilo, in March 1972 by the Vatican. Seven months later, he was named archbishop of Jaro after Archbishop Jose Maria Cuenco retired.

In 1974, Sin was named archbishop of Manila following the death of Rufino Cardinal Santos. Two years later, the Pope made Sin a cardinal, the youngest in the world at 47.

Indications are the influential Manila prelate is not packing up and getting ready to leave Villa San Miguel, his official residence, anytime soon.

The sources said Sin was even preparing for the *quinquennial ad limina*, a visit to the Pope by a country's bishops. This is done every five years and will take place in September.

Gov't throws book at Trillanes

By Juliet Labog-Javellana
and Armand Nocum

THE GOVERNMENT is throwing the book at Navy Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes, one of the ringleaders of the July 27 failed coup, whom National Security Adviser Roilo Golez described as a "false messiah."

Trillanes, who has already been charged with rebellion in a civilian court and faces a possible court martial, was yesterday charged with three counts of graft before the Office of the Ombudsman.

Trillanes was accused of amassing "unexplained wealth"; failing to file his statement of assets and liabilities (SAL) in 2001 and 2002; and non-disclosure of his assets in his SAL in violation of the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for public officials.

The complaint was filed by Police Chief Inspector Percival Antolin Rumbaoa of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group and endorsed by Interior Secretary Jose Lina.

Trillanes also faces perjury charges for falsely declaring ownership of seven vehicles as well as sedition for allegedly spreading a spurious document, the "Oplan Green Base" detailing an alleged plan by the government to bomb targets in Mindanao and blame it on the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

The rebellious soldiers who staged the siege at the Oakwood Premier hotel in Makati last July 27 cited the document as one of the reasons why they mutinied.

Trillanes is being accused of allegedly acquiring properties "beyond his means" and engaging in a business "which directly and indirectly caters to, among others, politicians."

In a briefing in Malacañang yesterday, National Bureau of Investigation Director Reynaldo Wycoco disclosed that Trillanes had invested P1 million in a pyramiding scheme in 2002.

He said the NBI, acting on a tip by a "concerned citizen," found documents showing that Trillanes had invested the P1 million in the Glasgow Investment Group, one of the firms being investigated for pyramiding.

Wycoco showed Palace reporters copies of several checks worth P150,000 each, issued by Glasgow to Trillanes as the interest on his investment made on June 14, 2002.

Wycoco said Trillanes was not among those swindled by the pyramid companies as he was able to withdraw his entire investment on Dec. 13, 2002.

"I just mentioned this (P1 million investment) to inject the fact that maybe the intelligence reports that money changed hands to convince people (to stage the coup) could be true," said Wycoco.

"But if he [Trillanes] can explain this, then it's a different story," Wycoco said.

Either way, Trillanes is in a tight spot, because if he were to include the P1 million in his SAL, investigators would determine if his wealth is proportionate to his salary in the Armed Forces, Wycoco said.

According to Rumbaoa, Trillanes filed his SAL in March 1997 listing his assets as cash deposits of P25,000, investment bonds of P50,000 and jewelry and books, P10,000.

Trillanes allegedly "omitted" to declare his ownership of a Nissan Terrano, with Plate No. UJV 717, and which was registered in his name, and a Mitsubishi Pajero, two Mitsubishi Delica and a Kawasaki motorcycle that he had acquired.

Rumbaoa said Trillanes did not declare these acquisitions in his SAL covering the period from January to December 2000, in violation of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Law.

Trillanes reportedly acquired three more Mitsubishi Delicas on Jan. 1, 2002.

'Would-be assassin never had a chance'

By Juliet L. Javellana

THE PRESIDENT was never in any danger of being assassinated during the recent Oakwood mutiny.

Presidential Security Group chief Col. Delfin Bangit said yesterday the military captain who had claimed it would have been "very easy" for him to kill the President had he wanted to wouldn't have been able to carry out the deed.

Bangit said Capt. Gary Alejano, one of the disgruntled junior officers who mounted the mutiny in Makati City on July 27, was never part of the President's close-in security detail, contrary to his claim.

As such, he could not have had the chance to carry out his mission, Bangit said.

Alejano had said he could have killed the President since he was part of her close-in security detail. But he said he never intended to carry out the deed because it was never part of the mutineers' plans.

Cops have Gringo under surveillance

By Christian V. Esguerra

SEN. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan is under surveillance and will be arrested as soon as a warrant is issued, according to the Philippine National Police.

"We are monitoring his movements and it won't be difficult to arrest him when the need arises," Director Eduardo Matillano, chief of the PNP Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, told reporters yesterday.

Matillano said the CIDG has been keeping tabs on Honasan's whereabouts since the senator went missing after the July 27 mutiny of junior military officers in Makati City.

Matillano refused to say, however, where Honasan was.

But he said the senator, his "mistah" or classmate in the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1971, may have gone to Cebu on at least one occasion after he disappeared.

Honasan went into hiding after he was linked to the mutiny in Makati, which was allegedly part of a bigger conspiracy to topple the government and install a military junta.

President Macapagal-Arroyo on Thursday said Honasan's playing "hide and seek" would not help him clear his name.

Matillano said Honasan's continued nonappearance would do nothing to dispel the accusations against him. "Flight is an admission of guilt, as they say," he said.

Key witness, utility bills to pin down 'Eki'

By Christian V. Esguerra
and Leila B. Salaverria

POLICE have found a key witness who could further bolster the government's rebellion case against Ramon "Eki" Cardenas, a former aide of deposed President Joseph Estrada, whose house was allegedly used as staging area by rebel soldiers involved in the July 27 failed mutiny.

The witness, a security guard of Dasmariñas Village, purportedly saw around 30 soldiers in full-battle gear march from the house of Cardenas in the posh subdivision to the Glorietta Center in Makati at around 2 a.m. of July 27, the same time that rebel soldiers were planting bombs around the commercial complex.

According to Director Eduardo Matillano, chief of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, when the guard confronted the soldiers, they took his keys and opened the village's Pasay Road gate. Only residents of the village have access to the gate.

Matillano said the guard tried to seek reinforcement but the rebel soldiers seized his radio before leaving the village.

The guard later reported the incident to the police, prompting CIDG operatives and members of the National Bureau of Investigation to raid Cardenas' house, Matillano said.

"His account will prove that Cardenas' house was indeed used as a staging area by the mutineers," the official told the INQUIRER yesterday.

The witness, now under police custody, has furnished CIDG a copy of his affidavit, Matillano said.

The raid on Cardenas' house yielded high-powered firearms, ammunition, medical kits, red Magdalo flags and armbands used by the mutineers when they seized Oakwood Premier.

Police authorities are also examining the water and electricity bills of Cardenas' house.

NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco yesterday said the bureau will check if the utility bills in Cardenas' house on 2177 Paraiso St. rose significantly during the days before the coup.

WHO: No condom, no sex

NO condom, no sex.

That's what the World Health Organization wants commercial sex workers in the Philippines and five other Asian countries to tell their clients to help stop the spread of HIV/AIDS.

But the condom program is sure to be met by stiff opposition from the Philippine Catholic church which strongly campaigns against artificial contraceptives.

The WHO, in an aggressive policy to stem the growing HIV/AIDS problem, is working together with authorities in China, Burma (Myanmar), Mongolia, Vietnam, Laos and the Philippines to implement 100 percent condom use in commercial sex establishments. *AFP*

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‘A band of arrogant rogues, disgrace to the uniform’

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday condemned the ringleaders of the July 27 failed coup, calling them “a band of arrogant rogues [who are] a disgrace to the uniform.”

She urged the Armed Forces leadership to act to remove the “virus of adventurism, dictatorship and totalitarianism that is creeping into the ranks.”

In a statement in reaction to the rebellious officers’ performance at a Senate public hearing the day before, the President said the would-be coup plotters had given the public an idea of the kind of government the country would have if they had won.

“One could imagine a government under men like these and their patrons, who would play the role of prosecutor, judge and executioner at the same time,” she said of Navy Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes, Army Capt. Gerardo Gambala and other leaders of the mutiny who appeared before the Senate on Thursday.

“Never have I seen men sworn to loyalty, integrity and courage brazenly lying through their teeth and arrogantly taking the Filipino people for fools,” the President said in a speech during a visit to Marinduque yesterday.

She called on the people to “condemn and resist these attempts to destroy our democratic way of life. We must not allow the will of a few run roughshod over our constitutional institutions.” *Juliet Labog-Javellana*

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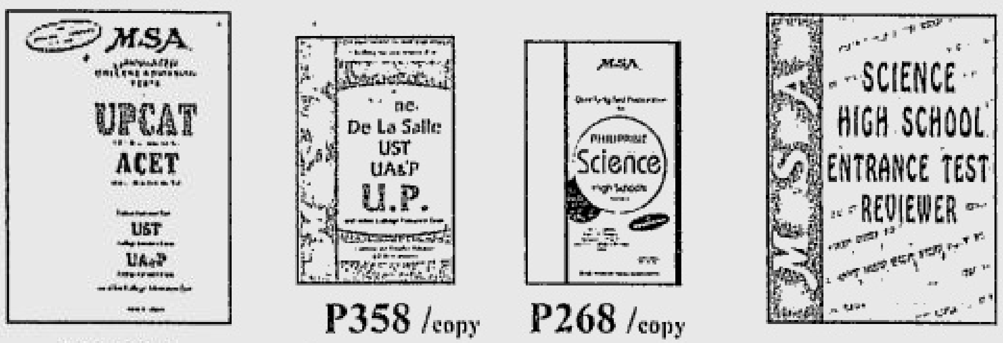

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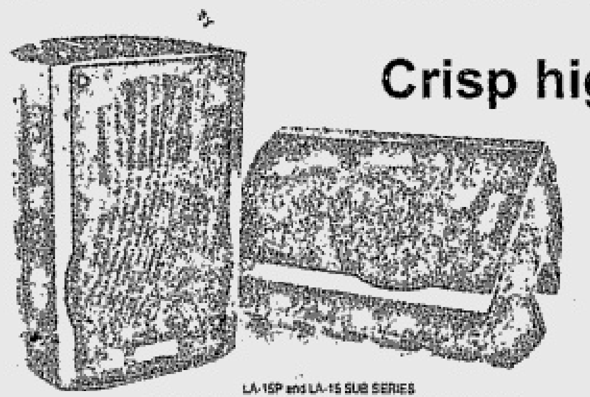

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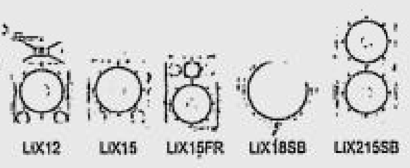

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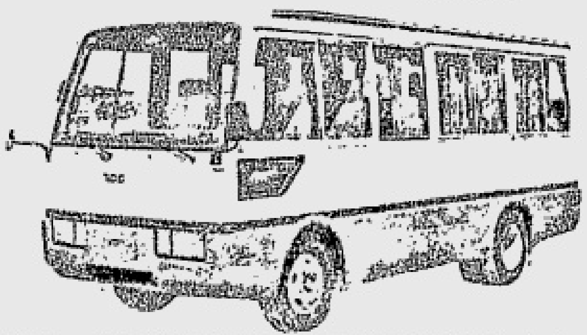

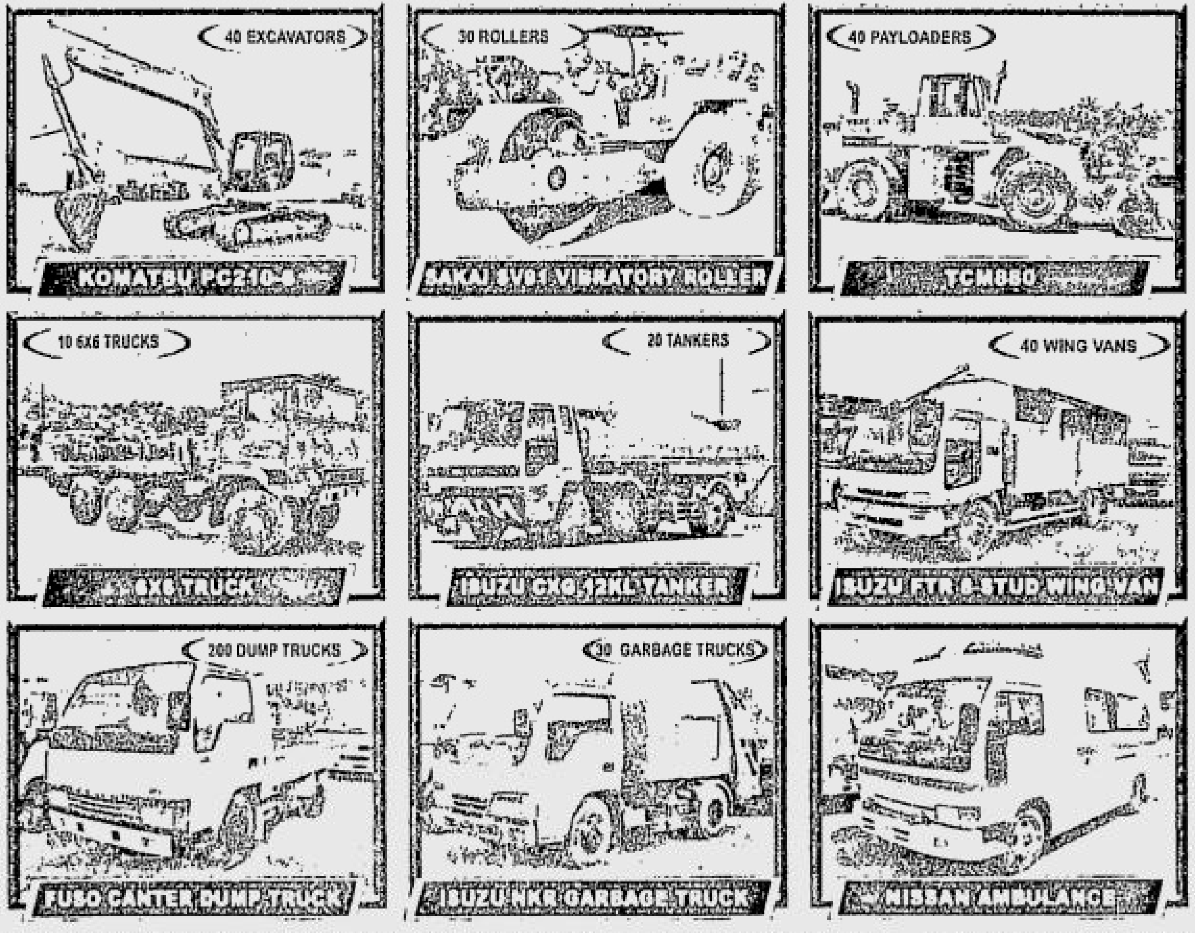

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Coup-prone soldiers need counseling, say shrink, Biazon

By Blanche S. Rivera

PSYCHIATRISTS could be the answer to the problem of rebellious and coup-happy soldiers.

A senator and a psychiatrist agreed that the improvement of the system of psychological screening of applicants to the Philippine Military Academy could actually spare the government future coup attempts.

Sen. Rodolfo Biazon said the government should review the efficacy of current psychological screening procedures to see if the PMA could adopt better testing methods that would detect the tendency for errant behavior early on in the military school.

The country's corps of psychiatrists should "make a move" and study whether the psychological testing of PMA applicants which are done at the V. Luna hospital can be updated or corrected, the senator told a breakfast forum at Annabel's earlier this week.

Dr. Gerardo Diokno, of the Philippine Psychiatric Association, said that many PMA cadets may have a lot of bottled-up anger and angst that they are forced to suppress in military school but which later resurface.

Many students actually suffer psychiatric problems like anxiety, depression and troubled adjustment problems which cannot be addressed by guidance counselors only, he said.

"A good clinical eye should be watching them while they undergo military training" and see who among the cadets are developing an aberrant attitude, Diokno told the forum.

He said the eventual fate of coup plotters in the past has not helped any in disabusing the minds of the more ambitious students and graduates of the military academy.

He cited Juan Ponce Enrile and Gregorio Honasan, the main instigators of several coups against the Aquino administration, who not only remained unpunished but were even elected to the Senate. There are countless other mutineers who are now high-ranking military officers as well, he said.

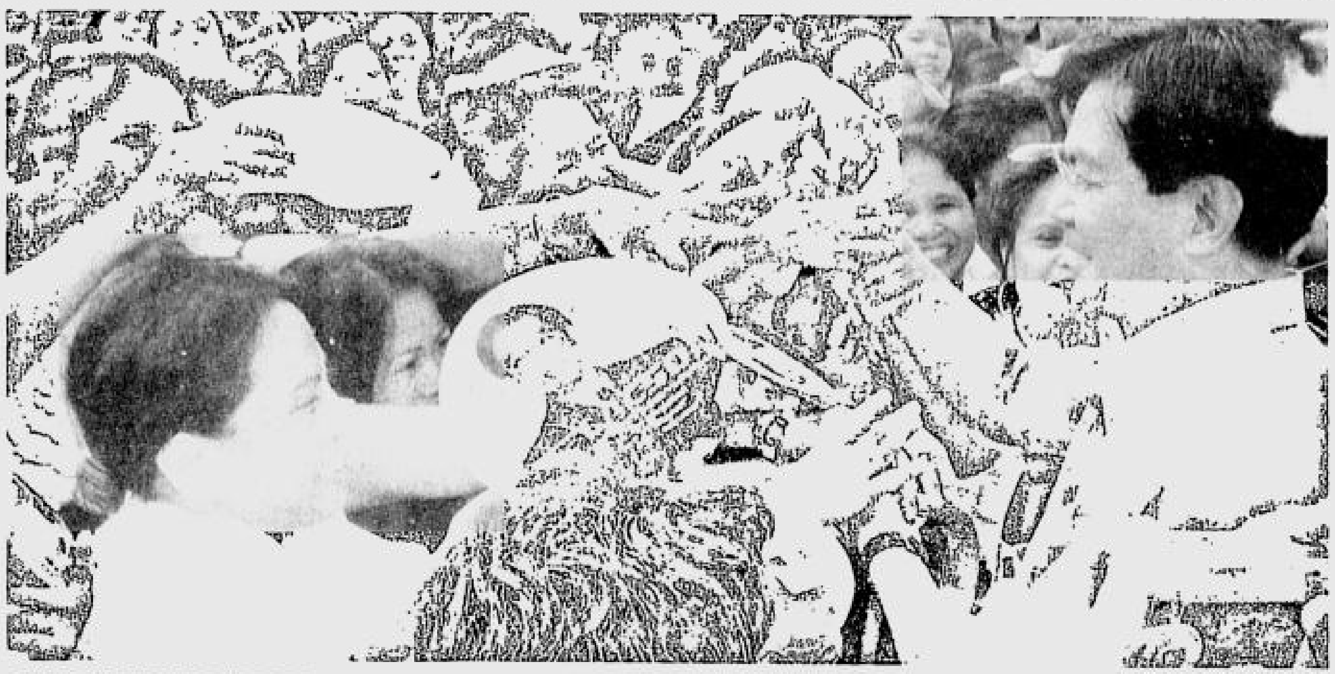
He also cited the case of Fidel Ramos, the first military man to be elected President, though he was not really a coup plotter but merely withdrew support as vice chief of staff from the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos during the first Edsa people power uprising.

"It becomes a status symbol and they (mutineers) become models for young officers... What could be more dramatic than staging a coup?" Diokno said.

He said that mutineers usually start out with a "suffering hero complex" and end up with the "conquering hero complex," claiming moral victory in their failed coup attempts.

Diokno recommended a twice yearly neuro-psychological test of PMA students and a regular stress debriefing of soldiers to help them process their emotional baggage.

He also supported Biazon's proposal for top government officials, including the President, Vice President and the senators, to undergo psychiatric tests as well.



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Overseas Filipino workers in Hong Kong welcome Sen. Panfilo Lacson at the Charter Garden where the senator was invited as guest speaker of a Filipino-organized gathering on Sunday. Lacson recently announced his intention to run for president in next year's national election.

DANTE PERALTA

US treasure hunter a fake, Aussies say

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT ZONE—"A total scam artist."

This is how two Australians who have worked on explorations and recovery projects with the National Museum for the last 20 years see an American treasure hunter trying to sell what he claims are 16th-century porcelain and pottery from the Philippines.

Guernsey's in New York last week suspended the auction of Phil Greco's collection pending presentation and authentication of his supposed permits to excavate artifacts in the country.

Australian archeologist Brian Homan said Greco had, on several occasions since 2000, tried to obtain information and underwater photographs from him.

"He passed himself off as a very famous guy," Homan recalled, adding that he refused the requests because he feared the items would be used to legitimize commercial recovery, which was unethical among professional archaeologists.

"This guy is unscrupulous," said Homan, who has recovered relics off the coast of Mindoro, Marinduque, Palawan and Sulu since 1983. "He can't (even) be a diver. He must smoke three or four packs of cigarette a day. I don't think he could dive by any means."

Two months ago, the New York Times reported that some 10,000 pieces of supposed Philippine artifacts were found in the Los Angeles home of Greco, a Vietnam War veteran who ostensibly assembled the cache while living in the country for more than a decade.

Greco insisted he followed Philippine laws and prescribed procedures for the excavations, and worked with Filipinos. An Associated Press report said his company, Stallion Recoveries, had supposedly retrieved 23,000 artifacts from 16 shipwreck sites in the South China Sea since 1997.

Former museum director Fr. Gabriel Casal, who retired three years ago, has denied issuing a permit to the ex-Marine or his company.

In fact, Honan suspects Greco's pieces were bought from different places. "(Most) of it may have come from the Philippines, but not all of it," Homan said. "A lot may have come from Hong Kong and China." He said many pieces could even be fakes.

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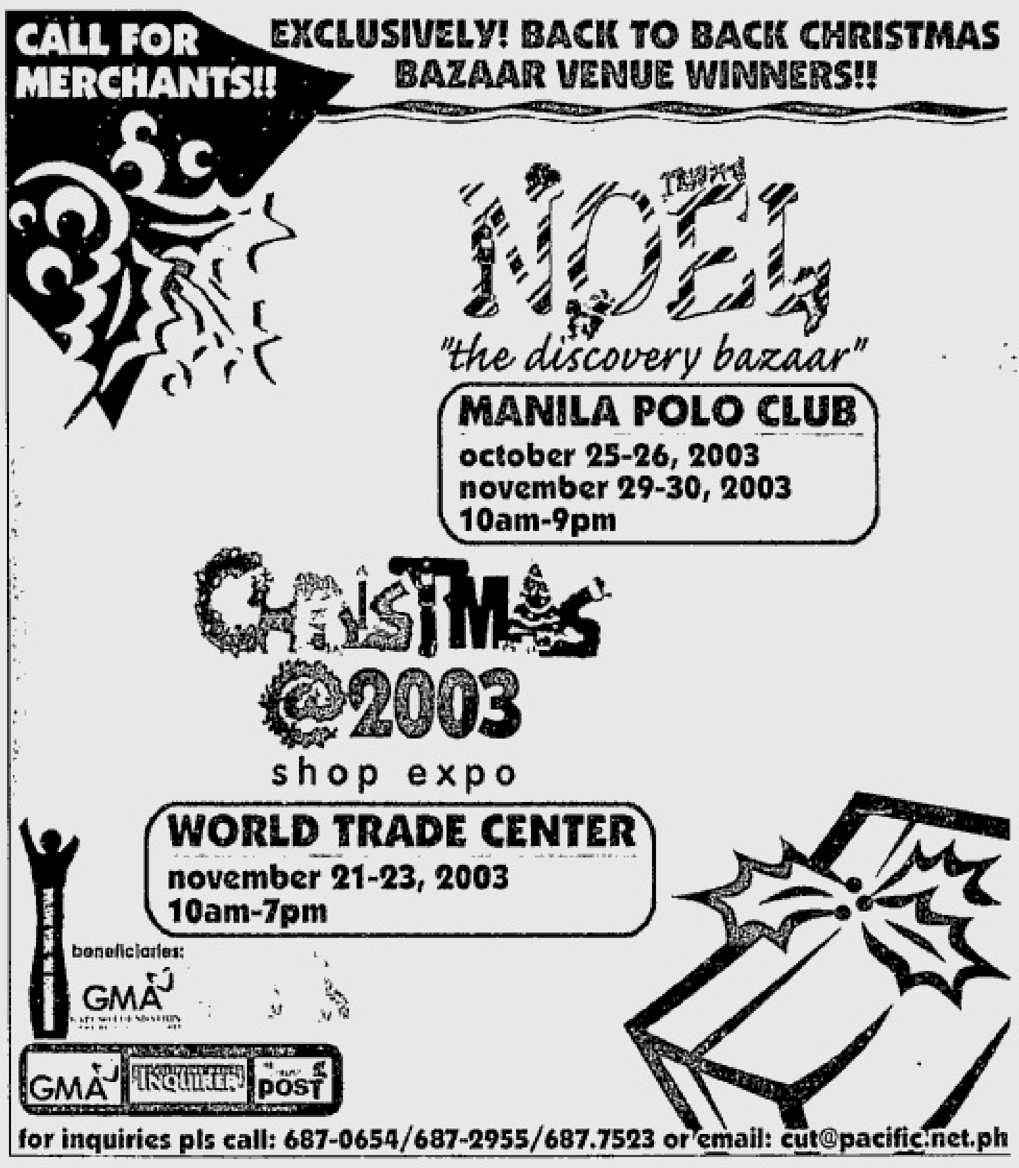

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Senate to hold 1 more hearing

SENATE President Franklin Drilon yesterday said the Senate would be holding only one more hearing before concluding its inquiry into the July 27 failed coup even as other senators opposed ending the inquiry so soon.

Drilon, who has scheduled the last hearing for Aug. 21, said in a phone interview that there were just "a few loose ends to tie up."

Sen. Robert Barbers agreed that the hearings be concluded but Senators Ramon Magsaysay Jr., Rodolfo Biazon and Aquilino Pimentel said they should continue.

Barbers said the Senate inquiry would be a waste of time as the Feliciano Commission and the justice department are also conducting their own probes.

"We (Senate) will be inviting the same resource persons and witnesses and they will give us the same answers," Barbers said.

He said it should be left to the Senate committee on national defense chaired by Magsaysay to look into the allegations of military irregularities that Marine captains Danilo Luna and Yuri Pesigan had brought up in the Senate inquiry.

Biazon said the Senate hearings should go on because he wanted to hear the testimony of the enlisted men who participated in the siege of the Oakwood Premier Hotel in Makati on July 27.

Biazon said he wanted to know whether the enlisted men were ordered to go to Oakwood or if they went there voluntarily.

He also wanted to find out whether there were any civilians involved. If so, then the actions of the junior officers were far from being a mutiny, he said.

Biazon said he found Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes, one of the ringleaders, to be very arrogant, particularly in the way he answered the questions of the senators.

Pimentel said there was a need for the Senate to "continue to ferret out the truth" and, as a native of Mindanao, he said he also wanted to probe allegations that the government ordered the bombing of a mosque in Mindanao. *Christine Avendaño and Michael Lim Ubac*

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Mutiny won't affect US aid —Ricciardone

By Nestor P. Burgos
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—US military aid to the Philippines will not be affected notwithstanding claims by leaders of the July 27 failed mutiny that top military officials were allegedly involved in the sale of government-issued weapons and ammunitions to various rebels groups in the country, a US envoy assured yesterday.

US Ambassador to the Philippines Francis Ricciardone said there would be no changes in the US military assistance to the Philippines despite the allegations of the rebel leaders that the US-supplied weapons and ammunitions were being sold to rebel groups.

"I don't expect any effect. I don't think anything that we've supplied have been misused or diverted," Ricciardone told the INQUIRER.

The alleged sale of government-issued weapons to rebel groups was among the grievances raised by the mutineers when they took over the Oakwood Hotel in Makati City's financial district.

In fact, Ricciardone added, US military support to the Philippines would even increase based on the pronouncement by US President George Bush last May during the state visit of President Macapagal-Arroyo to the US.

The US is the main supplier of weapons and ammunitions of the Armed Forces of the Philippines through various military assistance agreements. For this year, the US has earmarked about $78.65 million in military assistance for the Philippines, the largest amount allocated to an Asian country so far.

Ricciardone stressed that the increased support is partly because of the commitment of Ms Macapagal and AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Narciso Abaya "to strengthen this country, to reform the military and to overcome the problems that they have identified."

He said the two governments have implemented a comprehensive security review. "We have updated previous knowledge about the need for reform of procurement, internal management controls, treating the soldiers well and getting at corruption."

The US Ambassador was with Ms Macapagal on Thursday during the groundbreaking ceremony of a 40-megawatt diesel-powered expansion project of the Panay Power Corp. in Iloilo.

Ricciardone said the involvement of US-trained troops in the failed mutiny would not also affect military assistance to the Philippines.

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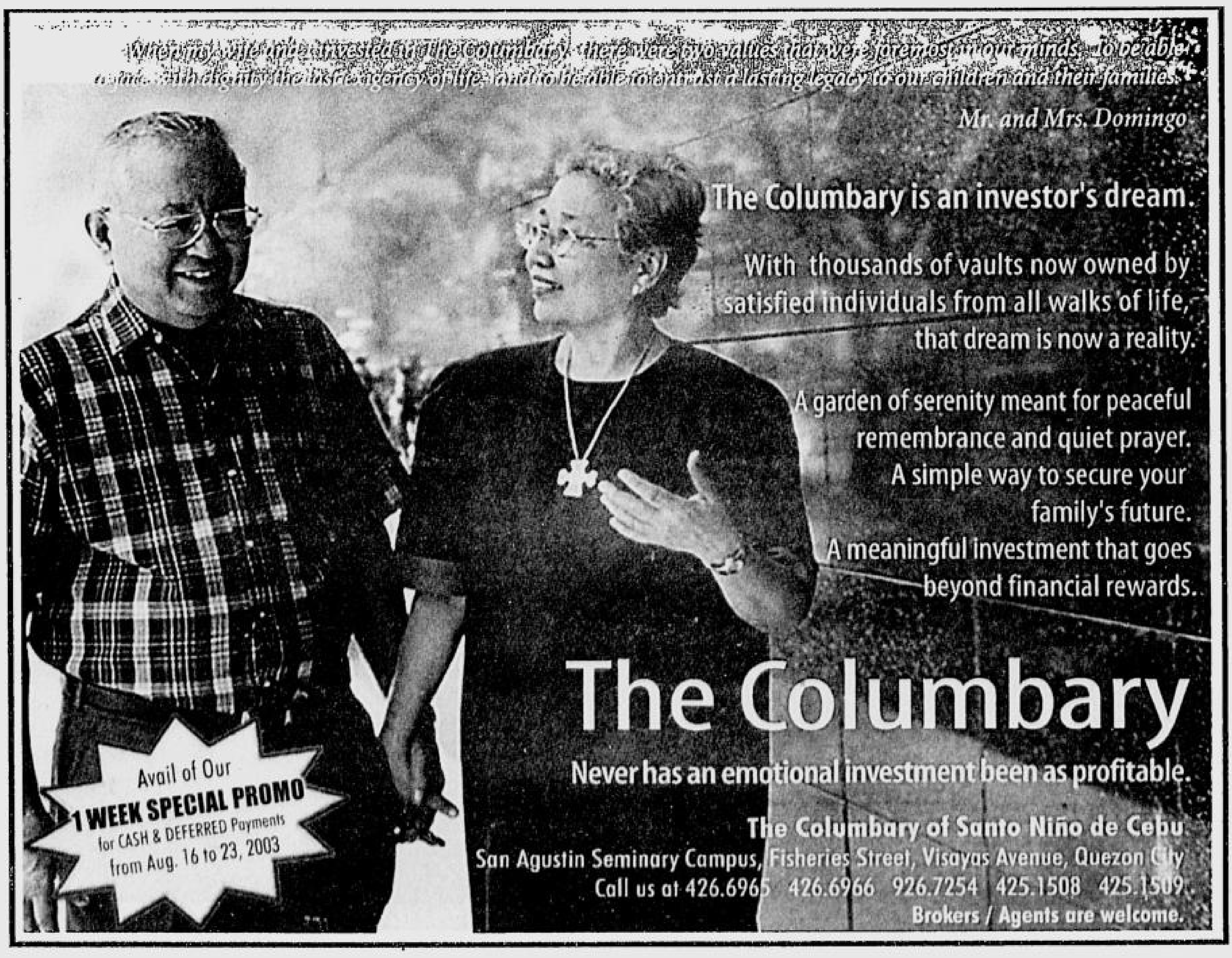

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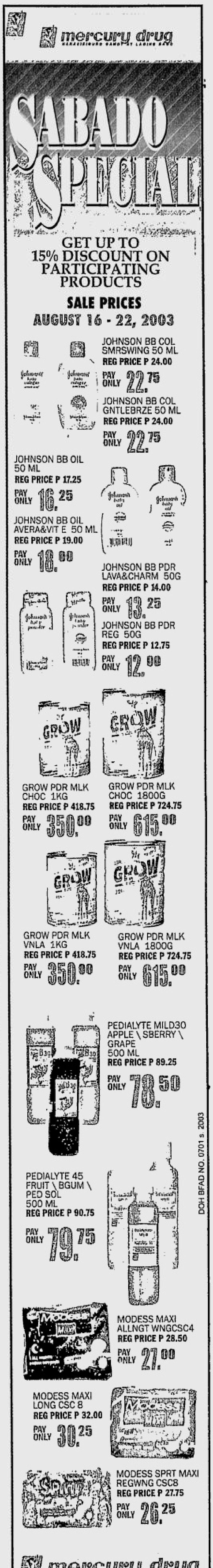

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Sibagat, captured Philippine eagle, soars again in Agusan forest

By Joselle R. Badilla
PDI Mindanao Bureau

SIBAGAT, Agusan del Sur—The Philippine Eagle Foundation (PEF) has released back into the wild a four-year-old female eagle in Barangay Kioya here on Thursday morning.

The rare Philippine Eagle (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*) was captured by a Manobo farmer on July 2 in the same barangay using a piglet on a nylon noose as bait.

He turned it over to the Department of Natural Resources Caraga office, which brought it to the PEF Center in Malagos, Davao City, where it was kept for 43 days.

Sibagat

The eagle, named "Sibagat" after this town, was the second captured in the Caraga region, which is composed of the provinces of Agusan del Norte and Sur and Surigao del Norte and Sur. The first bird was "Magiting," which was caught on Sept. 13, 2002.

The Philippine Eagle is known to be one of the bird species with the lowest birth rates. Today, there are only about 500 pairs of eagles remaining in the wild.

Female eagles lay only one egg every two years. The incubation period of an egg may reach 58 days. It takes six to eight years for young eagles to mature sexually.

Dennis Salvador, PEF executive director, said the continued hunting of the eagles continues to decimate their population.

Extinction

"The wild eagle population cannot make it over the long term if hunting of immature eagles is sustained. Grassroots communities need to be empowered to help protect wildlife while government should have the political will to enforce the new Wildlife Act," Salvador told the INQUIRER.

The prospect that the Philippine Eagle would soon be extinct has driven the PEF to embark on a project that includes breeding the birds using the natural pairing method.

Since 1992, the PEF has successfully hatched 14 eaglets, of which 13 survived. The center now has 30 eagles, including those caught in the wild.

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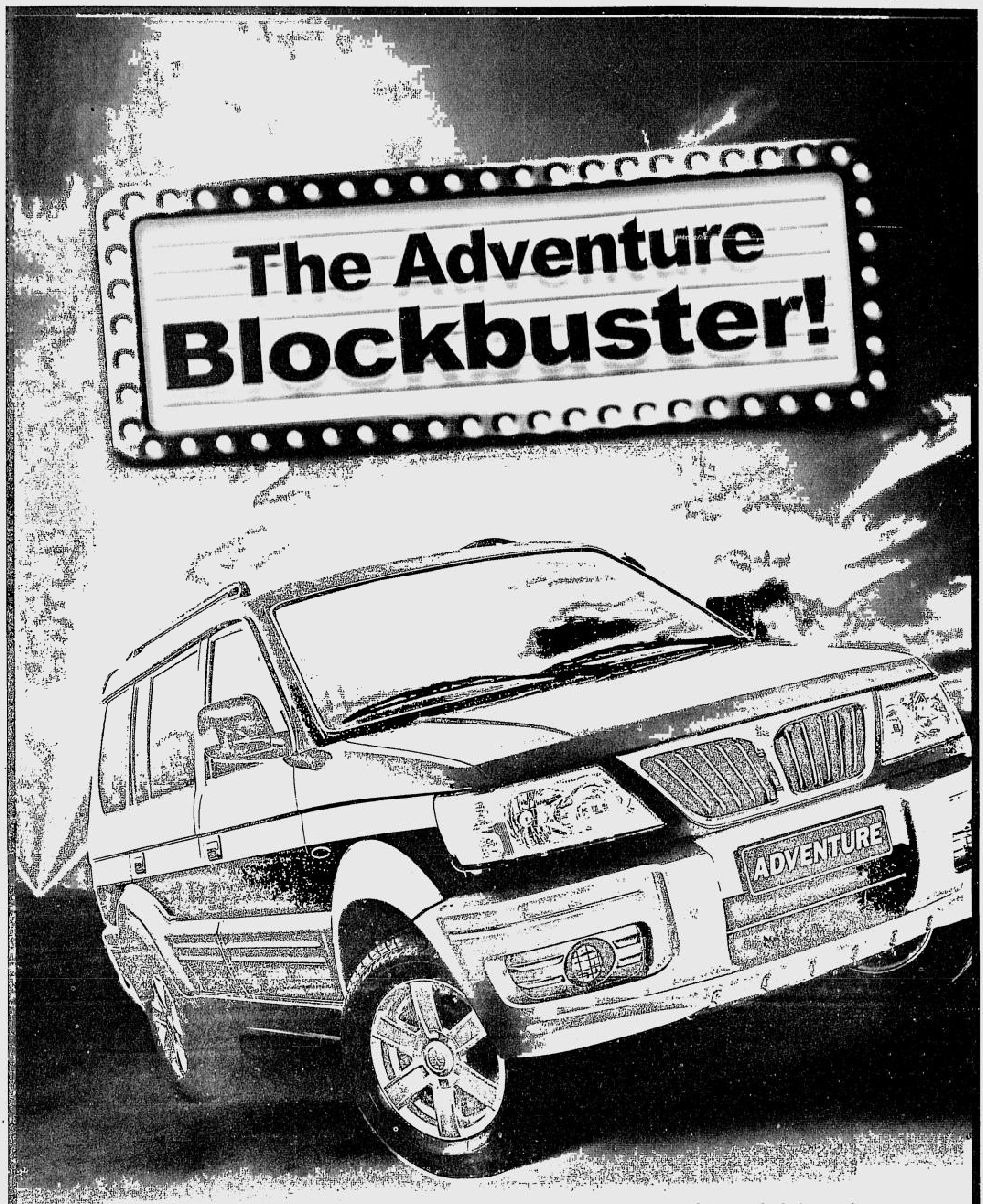

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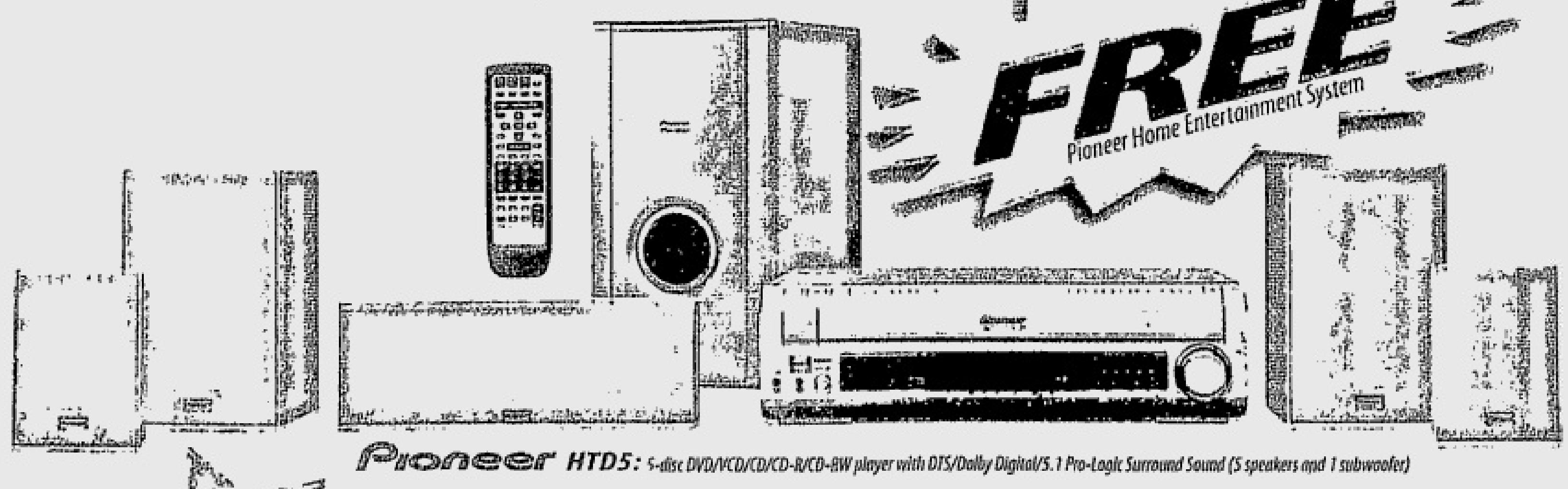

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Bernardino Bernardo was the richest, with a net worth of P43.3 million, while the lowest was Victoriano Sanchez with only P59,930.

Project managers usually get at least P32,000 per month.

"We are not hiding anything from the public. Official transactions especially in our procurement processes are also open to the public for scrutiny," Public Works Secretary Florante Soriquez said in a statement.

"I have created an integrity board, participated in by nongovernment offices and other private organizations, to give more teeth to the continuing campaign of President Macapagal-Arroyo in the DPWH," he added.

Asked if there was nothing irregular with Bernardo having more than P43 million in assets and liabilities, the DPWH's public information office told reporters that Bernardino was already rich and had many businesses.

The assets statements of DPWH regional directors, the public information office said, were published earlier.

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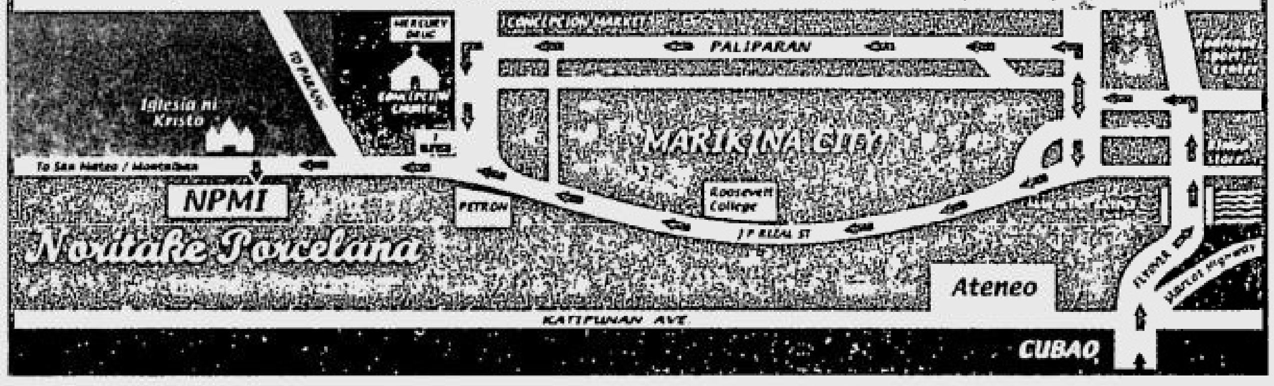

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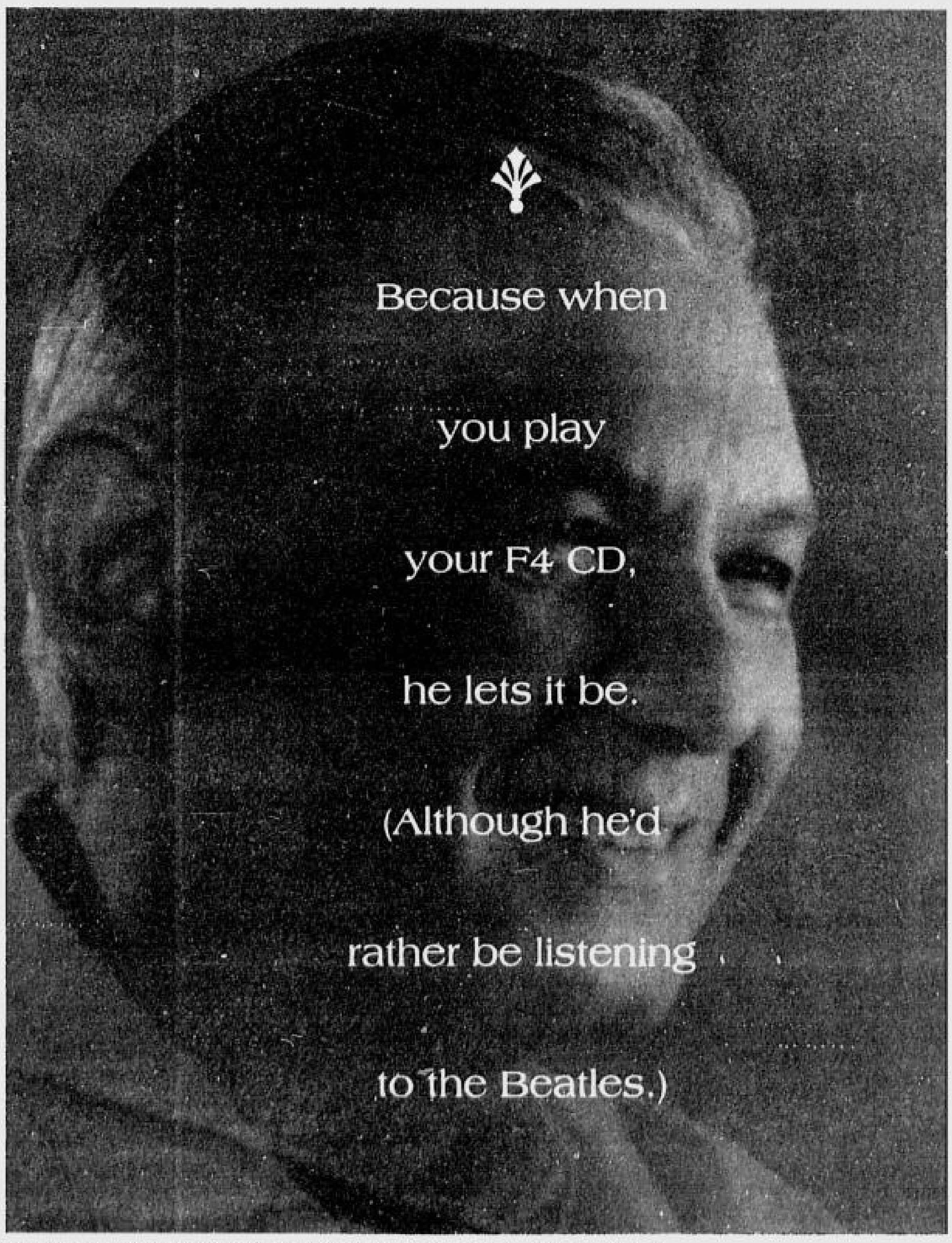

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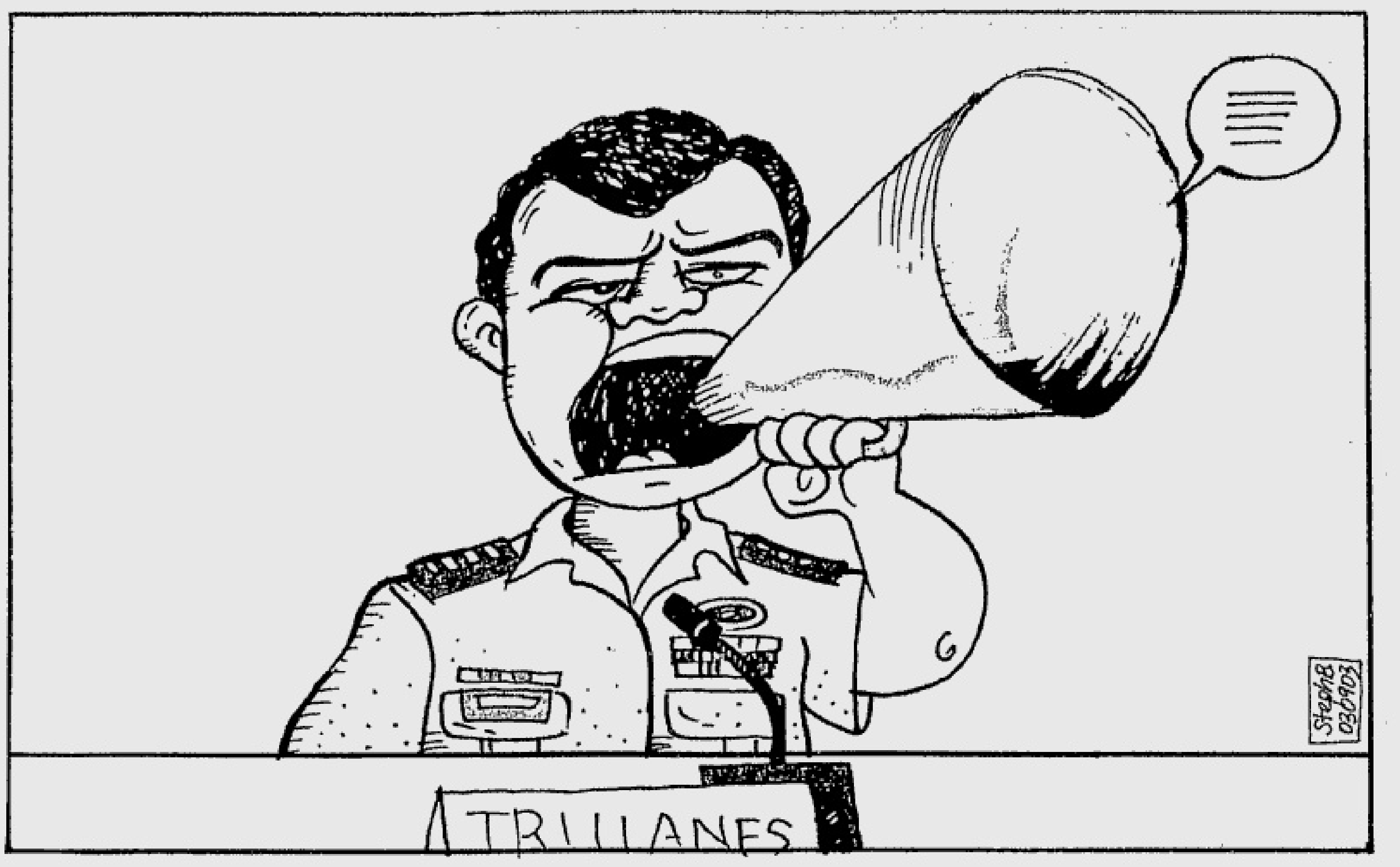

Dangerous minds

EDITORIAL

THE SENATE hearings last Thursday on the failed July 27 coup did not turn out to be a one-sided propaganda arena for the renegade young officers. The hearings proved to be a double-edged sword that did not leave the putschists unscathed. If the officers thought they would repeat at the hearing the propaganda coup they gained in blasting the government during the early hours of the Makati siege (thanks to the access media gave them), the outcome this time must have been a disappointment for them.

A few revelations emerged from the questions that drew out information which had not been known prior to the hearings. Although some opposition senators ceded part of their question time to the officers, allowing them space to amplify their grievances, this bonus did not help the rebels or their cause.

First, the hearings shattered the moral ascendancy of the officers who were found to have feet of clay. Their spokesperson, Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes IV, was quizzed over evidence that seven motor vehicles were registered in his name, putting him on the defensive and reducing him to making convoluted explanations, including the assertion that his mother was engaged in a car-rental business. Talking of unexplained wealth, one of the issues raised by the coup makers against military leaders, it was revealed that Trillanes had not filed his statement of assets and liabilities for two years. If the officers had denounced senior military leaders for lack of transparency and corruption, they were the last to live up to the rigorous standards of probity they demanded of others. It was further revealed that Trillanes was working for a private polling organization, promoting certain politicians.

The hearings highlighted the overbearing arrogance of the officers, their being impervious to using evidence to back their allegations of corruption and to provide a basis for drastic military action to wipe out the ills of what another rebel officer described as a "dying society."

Instead of backing their charges of corruption with facts and documents, the rebel officers admitted that they relied on hearsay picked up from soldiers down the ranks. When asked whether these grievances and hearsay were sufficient to break their oath to defend the Constitution, they made the sweeping accusation that since the commander in chief had also broken the Constitution, they deemed it their solemn duty to withdraw their allegiance from constitutional authorities. Sen. Joker Arroyo noted that the officers were imposing their own judgment on what constitutes loyalty to the Constitution.

From their answers, the officers left the impression that they have absolutely no respect for facts as a basis to substantiate sweeping allegations of abuse of power and corruption and to mount a coup d'etat. In a democratic society, evidence is the cornerstone of justice and responsible leadership.

Answering a question from Sen. Robert Barbers about what they planned to do with the Senate had they succeeded, Trillanes glibly evaded it by saying, "It depends upon the people." Such prevarication reveals a mind that is filled with dangerous notions about the kind of leadership these officers would install to replace the consensual system in a democracy, whose slow processes exercise their patience.

The officers came out of the hearing showing they were driven more by impulse and the zeal to make sweeping reforms arbitrarily rather than by a well-considered and orderly political philosophy of running a country. These rogue officers are no different from the Khmer Rouge who, when they overran Cambodia, launched a top-to-down purge of the country by killing nearly a million of the middle class to install a draconian Marxist order. While there is nothing Marxist about the officers, who have no notion of a political policy and program, they are consumed with the goal of overhauling a "dying" society, without telling us what is in store for us if they take power.

In their testimony before the Senate, the rebel officers only highlighted one big reason for the collapse of the coup: their plot was not carefully planned, a sure sign of impulsiveness and immature political judgment. We are afraid to entrust the destiny of this nation to these military adventurers and thrill-seekers whose biggest claim to power lies in their audacity, impulsiveness and good intentions.

Blocked again!

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

AFTER A DELAY of almost two years, the joint report of the three committees that investigated the charges against Sen. Panfilo Lacson for drug-trafficking and other serious crimes was finally calendared for plenary deliberation by the Senate. The probe officially ended on Sept. 5, 2001, but it was only last Monday, Aug. 4, that it was officially submitted to the chamber for its consideration.

The opposition senators had successfully blocked it several times before on procedural grounds, in an obvious effort to protect their colleague. Last week, however, having apparently run out of excuses, they had to let Sen. Robert Z. Barbers, chair of the lead committee on public order and illegal drugs, deliver the sponsorship speech on what is now Committee Report No. 237 (formerly No. 66).

The Report came as no surprise to the opposition senators for they had earlier been informed of the conclusions of the investigating committees. That was evidently the reason why they wanted to suppress it.

Senator Barbers reported among other findings that the charges of drug trafficking and kidnap for ransom "perpetrated by certain officers and men of the PNP-NARGROUP and Police Regional Office 4...have been substantially established by prima facie evidence." Accordingly, "the Joint Committees have deemed it appropriate that the Department of Justice should pursue an investigation into the possible liability of then PNP Chief Panfilo Lacson, together with Police Chief Supt. Reynaldo Acop and Police Chief Supt. Francisco Villaroman."

The Joint Committees also recommended the "referral to the Department of Justice and the Office of the Ombudsman for further investigation and/or the filing of the corresponding criminal or administrative cases against the persons named in the Committee Report who gave them moral or material aid..." The Report included another recommendation addressed to the executive department "that the use of task forces be minimized and regulated to prevent abuse and human rights violations."

The Joint Committees also "strongly reprimands and warns Col. Victor Corpus of Isafp and his men for their unprofessional conduct, blunder and disregard of the rights of the person wrongly depicted as Mr. Kim Wong and, in addition, for having presented Mr. Ador Mawanay as a witness whose testimony the Joint Committees have found to be unreliable and without credence." They also suggest Mawanay's prosecution for perjury.

After explaining in detail the action taken by the individual members of the three committees submitting the Report, Senator Barbers said:

"It can thus be concluded that for the Senate Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs, 9 Senators out of its 12 members approved of the Report, while 2 were against it and 1 abstained."

"Thus, it can be concluded that out of the 22 members of Senate Committee on National Defense and Security, 13 members were in favor of the Report, 4 were against it, 1 concurred and dissented, 3 did not sign at all, and 1 abstained."

"It can therefore be concluded that for the Senate Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon) which has 20 members, 12 senators approved of the Report, 3 voted against it, 1 concurred and dissented, 3 did not sign at all and 1 abstained."

Senator Lacson did not interpellate Senator Barbers during his sponsorship speech but rose afterward to deliver his own rebuttal. He claimed that he had since obtained new evidence that would change the conclusions in the Report and so moved that the same be referred back to the Committees for further hearings. Senator Barbers said he was standing by the Report and so did Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr. of the Committee on National Defense and Sen. Joker P. Arroyo of the Blue Ribbon Committee.

Instead of calling for an immediate vote on the Report by the Senate plenary, Senate President Franklin Drilon decided to suspend the proceedings to give time to the three chairmen and their respective members to consider the Lacson proposal. That action effectively shelved the Report, to slumber to death or at least be delayed for another year or so, perhaps until after the next election in 2004.

What moved Senate President Drilon to defer voting on the Lacson case by the Senate plenary is difficult to understand. Unless Senator Lacson discovered his "new" evidence hours before the session last Monday when he read his prepared speech, he should have submitted that evidence to the three committees before Senator Barbers sponsored Committee Report No. 237.

Senator Lacson's purpose was evidently to further delay resolution of the Senate probe of the serious charges against him. Regrettably, no less than the Senate president supported his ploy or, worse, was beguiled by it. With other more timely subjects claiming the investigative proclivity of the Senate, like the Oakwood rebellion and irregularities in the AFP, he has effectively swept the Lacson case under the rug.

Senator Barbers deserves plaudits for his courageous sponsorship of the Lacson case at the risk of earning the hostility of a powerful colleague. So do Senators Arroyo and Magsaysay for standing by their lead chair in defending the recommendations of their respective committees. They may have lost another round but have already won the fight.

Messianic, megalomanic, mendacious

GET REAL

Solita Collas-Monsod

I MUST admit it is extremely difficult to focus attention on anything else but the furor around the junior officers who led the protest/mutiny/failed coup attempt (depending on who is describing the event and when it was made).

Under normal circumstances, I would be reading the Court of Appeals decision finding Bangko Sentral Governor Paeng Buenaventura "administratively liable of gross neglect of duty," in regard to the 2000 closure of Urban Bank. And I would be looking at newspaper archives and/or searching the Internet to refresh my memory of that incident. Or, I would be examining the International Monetary Fund's "cautiously upbeat" review of the Philippine economy, hoping for something new and substantive amid their usual stating the obvious and showing their (mutual) admiration of the BSP.

Instead, I am mesmerized, glued to the television set (which is out of character, since I am not a couch potato) watching the proceedings of the Feliciano Commission as well as parts of the Senate hearings (my Thursday morning classes took precedence). Not to mention reading all the news reports about them that I can get my hands on. And so, with due apologies to readers, I give the CA decision and the IMF review a lick and a promise, as the saying goes.

With regard to the CA decision, my first reaction was sympathetic, because, as I recall, I thought the closure of Urban Bank the day after it declared a bank holiday appeared irregular (at least one other bank had been allowed by the BSP to observe a holiday of more than six months, which is going to the other extreme), and attended by several actions on the part of the BSP which were not satisfactorily explained.

My second reaction was the hope that the "gross neglect of duty," which is used by the judiciary to intervene in business-government transactions was not abused, with the uneasy feeling that it already has been. And my third reaction was that the immediate "grave concern" of the bankers and businessmen about the impact of the decision is misplaced, at least for the moment, because they haven't had time to read the decision. I also get the uneasy feeling that it is a knee-jerk reaction from members of the "boys club" for one of their own—not unlike the response of PMA Class '95 to their mistahs in trouble.

My own knee-jerk reaction to the IMF review is that its "cautious optimism" is downright insulting: its satisfaction with a 4 percent growth rate for the Philippines, when the forecast for Thailand and Malaysia is at least 4.5 percent (Indonesia has its problems) sounds as if it is patting a slightly retarded child on the head. Moreover, the government's own forecasts, which have more often than not been more accurate than the IMF's, give a range of 4.2 to 5.2 percent for 2003. What exactly is the IMF's basis?

Having said that, I do agree with its concern about our foreign borrowing policy (which looks like a crisis waiting to happen) and Napocor's financial problems (talk about corruption in a government corporation!), which the government seems to be sweeping under the rug. I find it ironic that it cites the need for a transparent and stable regulatory framework if investments are to be attracted (I fully agree, again), without mentioning that the BSP is in trouble precisely because its regulatory framework is neither transparent, nor, it would seem from the CA decision, stable.

Now back to the ranch. Bono Adaza, who defended some of the coup plotters in 1987 and 1989 and is now busily and happily defending the current batch, describes his clients, as brilliant, idealistic, committed, the crème de la crème. Which is to be expected. But having watched them on the stand, particularly Trillanes, the adjectives that come to mind, aside from the "spoiled brats" label which I pasted on them two weeks ago (and which still stands, after more time and closer scrutiny) are messianic, megalomanic, mendacious. And if they are the crème de la crème, something is seriously wrong with the PMA.

Messianic, because they seem to think that they—and only they—are possessors of the revealed truth, which by the way is mainly in the form of the so-called National Recovery Program. They act like they—and only they—can rid the Armed Forces and the government of all the corruption, and have judged that all of the general officers are corrupt, expecting us to believe them on their say-so.

The megalomania label comes to mind because they have to be touched in the head if they have this delusion of greatness, of being the only ones who are right, with everyone who disagrees with them being wrong. (In fact, didn't they refer to themselves as "new Filipino heroes"?)

And mendacious for even more obvious reasons: their claim of spontaneity has been belied by the circumstances and physical evidence as well as the testimony of participants in previous coups who have averred that no way can an operation of that size be spontaneous.

It has occurred to me that the unsung heroes in this whole sorry situation are not only the members of the military who came to the defense of the government and the people, but also the much-maligned intelligence community, whose discovery of the plot caused panic among the plotters and wreaked havoc on their plans, setting them all awry. That must have been Victor Corpus' greatest moment as intelligence chief. He, to my mind, is more of an officer and a gentlemen than Trillanes et al. will ever be.

Taxing the imagination too much

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

AS I have said earlier, it turned out to be a sound decision of the Feliciano Commission and the Senate to open the hearings on the July 27 putsch to nationwide TV. TV is a such a cruel medium and in those two forums the officers fared quite badly, judging from numerous reactions in the media. What proved disastrous to the rebel officers was their insistence that the Oakwood incident was a "spontaneous protest action" to air their grievances. Commissioner Carolina Hernandez summed it up when she told the officers, "You are taxing our imagination too much." The senators cited such trappings as identical arm bands and the flags (ordered way in advance), the sophisticated communications equipment and the high-caliber firearms as evidence of serious planning. Moreover, as Interior Secretary Jose Lina pointed out at the Senate hearing, just as Senate President Franklin Drilon was about to close it, still unnamed financiers paid cash for three buses worth P2.2 million to load the soldiers from Cavite to Oakwood, indicating enormous funding and a "grand conspiracy" involving military and civilian/political components.

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Sen. Robert Barbers confronted the rebel officers with an item that appeared in this column which said that as the "New Filipino Heroes," they had signed a manifesto called "The Last Revolution," wherein they were to assume power through means "not within the ambit of the constitutional framework" and once this was done, "all pockets of resistance will be crushed" and all power will be turned over to a 15-member "National Recovery Council." (The government alleges that its leader would be Sen. Gregorio Honasan.) The rebel officers flatly denied that report.

But at a dzRH program Cecile Alvarez and I co-hosted recently, Justice Undersecretary Jose Calida revealed that several diskettes the intelligence service was able to retrieve from trash cans in Oakwood, which were partially destroyed by the rebels in their retreat, showed an elaborate conspiracy called "Oplan Andres." The first stage has two parallel components: "Oplan FJP," the political component which calls for a buildup of mass support and logistics; and "Oplan Robin," which called for recruitment of military personnel and armaments. Then follow three options: Plan A which calls for optimum strength; Plan B which calls for not so optimum strength; and Plan C, "the *bulabog* stage" when the conspiracy is discovered and they have to pull back to Oakwood ahead of schedule. Calida said it seems that some Oakwood officers were enticed with the promise of positions in the new dispensation, even as Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes IV, in his Senate testimony, stressed that "For the record, *hindi kami magpapakamatay para sa sino mang* politician."

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Trillanes asserted that the "generals are all corrupt and the government is corrupt," and insisted the senators focus on the issue of corruption as otherwise "the hearings would be useless." It's easy to see why the rebels insist on this, as it could repair their image as "idealists for rent" and distance them from the crime of coup d'état which is to be tried in a civilian court. Obviously they prefer trial by a military court. But the grievances they aired were unfortunately mainly based on "Oplan Green Base," a supposed plan to bomb parts of Mindanao and create havoc to justify martial law and attract American help. But Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes and Presidential Adviser Eduardo Ermita, whose signature is on one of the documents the rebels presented, have said they are spurious. Moreover, it beggars the imagination that such a plot would bear the signature of President Macapagal-Arroyo as well.

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The televised hearings showed the young officers to be arrogant and insolent under pressure, drawing rebuke from the senators. Worse, they chose to quarrel with some senators. Trillanes bellowed at Sen. Noli de Castro that he never stole a centavo from the government and snapped back at Sen. Joker Arroyo who had lectured them about upholding PMA ideals. He castigated Arroyo for walking out on the impeachment hearings in 2001, but Arroyo retorted that the private prosecutors walked out but the House prosecutors went back to their chamber to report the breakup. Sen. Manny Villar was obviously irritated by Capt. Milo Maestrecampo's justification of his taking arms because of the poverty that makes "people eat corn three times a day." Said Villar, "I also ate corn in my younger days, but I never took arms to protest it."

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The young officers justified their demand for the resignation of key officials as not different from those of the leftist groups, but Drilon reminded them that demonstrators don't carry firearms or ring the commercial center with deadly bombs. But while the administration senators took pains to emphasize that using arms to protest is absolutely unacceptable, the opposition senators didn't bother to conceal that their sympathies were with the rebels. Sen. Panfilo Lacson asked why there was a difference between government's treatment of the NDF and MILF with whom it's trying to reopen peace talks, and the hardline stance against the Oakwood rebels. (Lost on him is the fact that the rebel soldiers are paid with the people's taxes and sworn to protect them.) Sen. John Osmeña sought to highlight corruption in the military with regard to the P10 billion MOOE funds, while Sen. Teresa Oreta seemed confused as ever. The only opposition senator who sought to strike a balance was Sen. Aquilino Pimentel who said the rebels' claim to a "right, moral and just" protest recalled the same terms used by a South American rebel who staged a coup d'état in 1982!

What Ninoy left us

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

AT THE SENATE hearing Thursday, mutiny leader Navy Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes IV sought to compare the "Oakwood incident" to the failed coup mounted in 1986 by then Defense Secretary Juan Ponce Enrile and AFP Vice Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Fidel Ramos.

Sen. Joker Arroyo, who certainly knew the difference, pointed out toward the close of the hearing that it was "public support" for the military breakaway group in 1986 that spelled the crucial difference. "It is success that validates your actions," the senator said.

While it's true that history is written by the victor, and that if the Enrile-Ramos-RAM move had met with disaster they would probably be described today as scoundrels and adventurists, success alone does not explain why Trillanes' analogy is way off base.

The Oakwood plotters, at the height of that rainy Sunday's standoff, made much of their idealism and patriotism, posturing as martyrs willing to sacrifice their lives for their principles. (Although, if martyrdom was their aim, they should have strapped bombs to their bodies, and not ringed Oakwood with explosives instead.) In 1986, while Enrile, Ramos and company indeed showed courage by speaking out against the dictatorship and the "stolen election" against Cory Aquino, it wasn't their bravado that turned the tide of history. Instead, they relied on the bravery of millions of ordinary Filipinos—the hundreds of thousands of Metro Manilans who poured out into Edsa, as well as the thousands more who rallied around the country—to save them from the wrath of the dictator.

It was, really and truly, "People Power" that won back our freedoms. And rightly so. Not one group, certainly not Enrile or Ramos, or RAM, deserves full credit for that happy turn of events. Everyone, including the peanut vendors who fueled the energies of the folks at the three-day vigil around the camps, was a participant, and was truly a hero because of it.

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BUT we shouldn't stop there. Because if we believe the struggle against the Marcos dictatorship was only about those three days in 1986, then we are short-circuiting history. "People Power" was born not just with the call issued by Butz Aquino and Jaime Cardinal Sin, but had been a-borning for years before that.

By some happy coincidence, we will commemorate next week one of the events that helped generate the phenomenon of "People Power." And for many Filipinos, it was this event, a tragedy really, that woke them from stupor and set them on the road that led, inevitably, to Edsa.

On Aug. 21, the country will remember the assassination of Ninoy Aquino, of particular significance this year because it will be 20 years since the shooting. While protests and rallies, usually dispersed violently, broke out sporadically, and armed resistance raged in remote areas and even in urban centers, most of the population had been intimidated into silence. But with the assassination of Ninoy, and the brazen cover-up that followed, the nation was simultaneously outraged and galvanized into action.

In fact, there was an early manifestation of "People Power" during Ninoy's funeral, when an estimated one million people accompanied his remains from Sto. Domingo Church in Quezon City to the Manila Memorial Park in Parañaque, braving the rains and the intimidation of authorities.

Three years passed from Ninoy's death to Edsa, and in between, the people's expression of their demand for the restoration of democracy was unrelenting. Events do not occur in a vacuum, but are nurtured in a particular socio-political environment. And if the Oakwood mutineers believe their unsuccessful adventure was part of the "People Power" continuum, then they should review their history again.

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IT seems crass to say that the 20th anniversary of the Aquino assassination is a "celebration," since it was really a shocking tragedy. But really, from this one man's (and his family's) sacrifice rose a nation reborn in its commitment not just to democracy but to other values we still struggle to institutionalize today: justice, equity, social transformation, good governance.

We would be doing ourselves an injustice if all we focus on in the week to come is how much of Ninoy's work remains undone. For if we look back to the past 20 years, we will also recognize much that has been accomplished.

So, don't be ashamed to tie a yellow ribbon around your windows, doors, your car's antenna, or your surroundings starting this weekend. Remembering Ninoy and recognizing the living examples of People Power is to acknowledge as well your own power and your capacity to initiate change and make this country one truly worth "living for."

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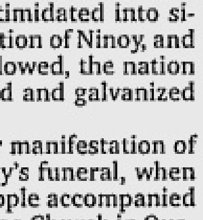
HERE are some plans for the Aug. 21 commemoration of the Aquino assassination:

Local governments around the country will hold their own "Ninoy Day" activities, with flags flown at half-staff and surroundings clad in yellow. A new Ninoy monument will also be unveiled in Manila. Schools and colleges will also hold events and exhibits on the meaning of Ninoy's sacrifice.

In Makati, the center of many post-assassination protests, there will be a motorcade with former President Cory Aquino along Ayala Avenue, with civil society groups marching behind the motorcade. There will be a wreath-laying ceremony at the Ninoy Monument, with Edsa I songs being played on public address systems in the area.

Movie theaters in the Ayala and Shoemart cineplexes will also air a video on "People Power," while bookstores on Ayala Center will put books on Edsa I on sale, with Filipinas Heritage Library hosting talks on Ninoy's legacy and democracy. A concert on Ninoy and honoring NGOs exemplifying "People Power" is also in the works.

Dog days of August (2)



SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Bambi L. Harper

THE TOWN of Malate was surrounded by sandbags and trenches. At the entrance, the officers' house was deserted though horses and saddles remained in the stables. Demijohns of wine were smashed and the liquid oozed onto the floorboards. Furniture was overturned and papers strewn about, giving the impression of sudden flight.

Suddenly the Spaniards opened fire from the left while the Americans sought refuge behind garden walls. From windows of houses came rifle shots, allowing other Spanish soldiers to retreat down the main street toward Intramuros followed by the Americans who crept from house to house at the edge of the road. No American was killed.

Gen. Francis Greene and the Second Brigade crossed the creek while Spanish forces on their right opened fire. Obviously they didn't offer much of a threat since the brigade continued and messengers went back and forth carrying the general's orders. Rumors were rife that the white flag had been raised and sure enough, as the advanced regiments broke into the open field of Bagumbayan before the city walls, there on one corner flew a white flag in the wind. The men cheered boisterously.

But on their right, Filipino soldiers had broken through and were advancing en masse. In the confusion that followed, shots were fired from the fort despite the white flag. When order was at last restored, Spanish troops began to surrender outside the walls. An adjutant of the governor general came out to discuss the surrender to which Greene is supposed to have replied in annoyance: "Surrender or no surrender, I have come to take the town, and take it I will."

He then proceeded to ride into Intramuros to see the governor while the Second Brigade, with flying colors and a brass band, marched alongside him. While the Spaniards watched silently from the windows, Filipinos were throwing cigars and cigarettes to the conquering army. It was Greene who lowered the Spanish flag and raised the Stars and Stripes over Intramuros while the American soldiers cheered. (At 4 p.m. after the white flag had been raised, a Belgian tugboat with the Belgian consul through whom the terms of surrender were to be negotiated came alongside the Kong Hoi who had orders for Colonel Summers to make a landing with the two battalions of the Second Oregon and proceed to the walled city.) This time there was no Simon de Anda to save the Spanish empire.

John Bass, the correspondent, tells us that an hour after the city was taken, the tram cars were running again and people were walking about unmolested. The First Brigade lost four men, the Second Brigade had one killed and five wounded. The figures on the Spanish side varied widely from 35 to 300. However, there were a few found wounded in the Hospital de San Juan de Dios and only a few dead in the trenches. Inside the walls no one was killed. The 10-inch guns at the Luneta didn't fire a single shot.

That day and the next, Spanish soldiers surrendered their arms in the square before the Manila Cathedral and the governor's palace. These were then gathered in great piles in the hall of the palace although the officers were allowed to keep their side arms.

In the trenches were found bottles of gin and wine, and in the officers' quarters, boxes of sardines. The church of San Agustin contained over 7,000 sacks of rice, sardines, beans, olive oil, coffee, bacon and dried fish.

Foreign merchants are supposed to have declared that if the United States would leave and return the islands to the Spaniards who would then be in charge of re-conquering it (for the "insurgents" were in possession of all parts of Luzon at the time, except for Manila and Cavite), they would withdraw their capital and move out.

Gen. Thomas Anderson noted that the problems really started when the Americans refused to recognize the political authority of Aguinaldo or to allow for a policy of cooperation. At 9 p.m. of Aug. 12, General Merritt sent General Anderson an order to notify Aguinaldo to forbid the Filipinos from entering Manila. Not surprisingly the order was received with anger and indignation on the part of the Filipinos. To carry out the order from Anderson's point of view would result in serious complications. Ten thousand American soldiers would have to guard 13,300 Spaniards and fight 14,000 Filipinos.

After the white flag was raised 4,000 of Aguinaldo's forces took Paco and Malate while a cordon of American troops ringed them. What Anderson did was to telegraph Aguinaldo in Bacoor requesting him to remove his troops, hinting of serious consequences if he didn't. The following day a commission composed of Buencamino, Legarda, Araneta and Sandico came to his headquarters and stated that the troops would be withdrawn if they would be reinstated in their present positions once peace was declared.

The forces of Aguinaldo were now referred to as insurgents. Those who broke into the American lines were disarmed and while Aguinaldo had agreed not to enter the city, he had offered several shippers large sums for arms from Hong Kong. Whether against the Spaniards or the Americans, Aguinaldo must have realized he now faced two enemies.

The condition was repeated to Merritt who then said he couldn't pledge to it but that they would have to rely on the honor of the Americans.

We all know the rest of the story.

(From "Harper's History of the War in the Philippines.")

Ryan

YOUNG BLOOD

Mari I. Simon

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—Ed.

RYAN Alvin is his name. But to my best friend Karen, he is "Kabe," a derivation from her name and Benjielyn's, another girl friend.

Karen called him Kabe since we were in Grade 6. It was not a very appropriate pet name for someone who was so gorgeous, but Karen liked it—and him. Benjielyn did not like Ryan for a very good reason: she already had Chris. Perhaps Meilyn, Jannell, Leah, Jonalyn and Marichu Yee, who all had their own Chrises, did not like Ryan also. But like Karen and the nameless majority of our batch, I liked Ryan.

My liking for him went beyond my belief that he was the most attractive man I had ever met. But I hid my feeling from him for the simple reason that we were friends.

Ryan and I first became classmates when we were in Grade 2. He was the boy with the sheepish grin and the mischievous eyes. Moreover, he was our useless leader in our cleaners group. (A cleaners group, for those who attended and are attending posh schools in the Metro, keeps the classroom clean one day in a week.) Ryan rarely helped. Worse, he loved to bully us and call us "*amoy* floorwax." I despised him then.

He transferred to another school the next year, but he came back for the fifth grade. I never really took notice of him, until I got sick for a week in the middle of the year. When I went back to school, I found my old chair being occupied by a new student. My new chair in the last row was next to Ryan's. I complained less about having to sit next to him but more about having to sit at the back. I thought it was better to have a seat in front so I could catch up with my lessons and maintain my grades.

Later on, I combined my two complaints. Ryan was proving to be a rowdy and noisy seatmate. He often teased me about my performance in mathematics for he had a more analytical brain. I can still hear him jeering and suggesting that my test papers ought to be "*budburan ng asin.*" I continued to hate him.

The surprise came in Grade 6. Ryan must have worked extra hard during the summer to polish up his act because when he came back in June he had suddenly turned into a charming young man. Of course, my hormones must have labored hard, too, because my geeky brain was filled with admiration for the new Ryan. And to every girl's envy, he was my seatmate once again.

I began to forget how naughty, how lazy and how seemingly moronic he was in the past. I got used to his taunting. I got used to fighting with him and seeing him smile triumphantly afterwards. I got used to joking and laughing with him. Most importantly, I got used to his sharing his life's story with me.

He told me his parents had abandoned him and put him in the care of his grandmother when he was still very young. His parents had separated, but he still saw them occasionally.

I never found a trace of anger or self-pity whenever he was in a storytelling mood almost always late in the afternoon. He looked to me like a child spilling out his life with so much bravado and sometimes with complete indifference.

There were three incidents during our last year in grade school that I still remember very well. First was when we made Roderick, who was seating in front of Ryan, cry. Ryan instructed me to me print the names of Roderick and a dark-skinned Hindu schoolmate on a wedding invitation. (Excuse us for being racist then.) When Roderick cried and complained to our teacher, we got a stern scolding from her. We thought Roderick was being too sensitive.

The second incident occurred after I had a big fight with Ryan. Upon arriving home, I discovered that he had clandestinely slipped into my bag a card saying he was sorry. That was the first and the last time he showed me how gentle and thoughtful he could be.

The third happened one afternoon when he had severe stomachache. He was eating M&Ms when suddenly he started twitching in pain. He undid his belt, hoping to relieve the pain, but it didn't help. I felt disillusioned when it dawned upon me that this charming bully could be so helpless after all. I chose not to help him.

Perhaps he took this to heart for he seemed to be avoiding me all through our years in high school. Or we couldn't be close again because we were assigned to different sections and were seatmates no more. Or maybe we had different priorities: his was women, while men were not a priority to me. Nevertheless, I noticed that Ryan was growing up and becoming a man who would make many women cry.

We completely lost touch with each other when we went to college. I studied at the University of the Philippines, while he went somewhere else. The chance of seeing him during breaks was negligible. The chance that we would talk to each other if we did meet was almost nil. But I heard bits and pieces about him every now and then.

Some of his friends said he and a local beauty queen lived together for several months. Some said he partied a lot. Others said he was into drugs and that his grandmother sent him to a rehabilitation center. I wanted Ryan to tell me about such things before I judged him.

Last November, I saw him at a memorial park. That brief encounter left me shocked and troubled.

Ryan had changed. He was taller and leaner. His skin was tanned and his hair was unkempt. He was wearing faded jeans. His slippers were dirty and he himself looked like he needed a bath. His face was hard. I felt uneasy but still managed to talk to him.

He was with a woman who I presumed, from her painted face and dyed hair, to be four or five years older than him. A boy of 2 or 3 was clinging on to his hand. They had just finished buying drinks from a store when I approached him and inquired, "*Anak mo?*"

"*Hindi ah. Bata pa ako,*" he protested. But that was all he said before he walked away. I was stunned.

I asked my friends who then asked others about Ryan, the woman and the boy. The feedback I got confirmed my suspicion that the woman was older than Ryan but I was told the boy was his.

I shouldn't be meddling with Ryan's affairs anymore. I should not have written about him in the first place. Like his parents, we have taken separate paths. But we were seatmates and friends once, and I stubbornly cling to those ties.

I e-mailed Karen, who is now in the United States, and told her about Ryan . "*Sayang siya,*" Karen replied. "*Ano'ng nangyari kay* Kabe *ko?*"

What happened to Ryan? Or maybe, I should ask instead, what happened to me? Ryan has made his choice, but still I feel guilty about about what he has turned into. I didn't even try to reach him when I heard rumors about his troubles. I did not help when he needed his seatmate because his stomach was aching again. I may be putting too much value to our friendship, but what if I am right?

We have not met and talked again till now. In my dreams, he looks the same as he was when we were in Grade 6: always kidding, always bullying, always charming. I miss him.

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An antidote for 'Messiah virus'

THE "GRINGO" or "Messiah virus" has struck again! Sad to say, this viral infection was predicted way back in 1979-1980. We called the virus then the "regular officer homogeneity" or the danger of an Armed Forces led by regular officers coming from only one training institution. To avoid that danger, we proposed a separate academy to produce the regular officer requirements of the Philippine Air Force. The Interim Batasang Pambansa (IBP) approved the concept except that the budget for such an academy should come from the PAF. The PAF did not have the funds, so the proposal died due to a disease called budget constraint.

The prediction of the coming of the "Messiah virus" came true in February 1986. Of course, the attempted rebellion failed initially, but people power and the timely arrival of air support led by non-PMAers ensured the success of Edsa I.

A characteristic of the virus is that its willing hosts are usually products of the same institution where the *Kuya* comes from—the Philippine Military Academy.

The issue of "regular officer homogeneity" came up again during the time of President Aquino. But the response was to create the Triservice Academy which called for the PMA to produce all the regular officer requirements of the AFP. Thus, aviation and naval training facilities were replicated in the mountains of Loakan, at great additional cost to the taxpayers, further ensuring that the "Messiah virus" lives on.

Let us focus our collective microscope and scalpel on the more than P500-million budget given to the PMA this year and ask ourselves the question of whether we are getting our money's worth of professional military officers from that investment. If the answer is yes, I will forever keep my silence. If not, the following alternatives are proposed:

1. Some call for the abolition of the PMA. This is too drastic an option. The PMA alumni have served our country well throughout several generations, except for those infected by the "Messiah virus."

2. The better and wiser option is to manage this risk to our national security or as the wise man would say, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." In this particular case, let's put our eggs in three baskets. The first basket, the PMA, concentrates on its core competence of producing professional army officers; the second basket, the Philippine Air Force Academy, the professional officer requirements of a modern Air Force; and the third basket, the Naval Academy, the professional officer requirements of a modern Navy.

The P500-plus million that the PMA is presently receiving can then be redistributed to these three academies in the following manner:

- P300 million to be retained by the PMA.
- P50 million each to the PAF and the PN for the establishment of the Air and Naval Academies.
- P100 million as seed capital for a continuing junior officer and enlisted personnel housing program.

Thus, shall we prevent future coups.

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LETTERS

Not politically motivated

WE react to Belinda Olivares-Cunanan's column last Aug. 9, 2003 on the criminal cases filed against Ninez Cacho-Olivares and her subsequent arrest.

The filing of the cases is not politically motivated. They are not intended to gag her and her newspaper. The libel cases were filed merely in the valid exercise of our right to defend ourselves from libelous publications.

When her articles imputing on us the imaginary crime of extortion were first published without getting our side, we pointed out to her the lack of factual basis and demanded a public apology from her. At the very least, in the spirit of fairness, we expected that our side of the story would be published and given equal prominence.

However, no apology came and neither was our side published. Worse, she continued to write and publish the malicious and libelous articles against us. As of Aug. 4, 2003 Olivares had already maliciously written and published 46 libelous articles against us.

Thus, we were constrained by the circumstances to file cases against her.

Also, there was no railroading of her case and violation of her right to due process. Makati chief city prosecutor Felicisimo Aspi inhibited himself from the case at the behest of Olivares. It was the Department of Justice, pursuant to the request of Olivares, that conducted the preliminary investigation. The DOJ resolution finding probable cause for a criminal action against Olivares was issued only after the parties had submitted their respective affidavits and counter-affidavits. As early as Thursday, July 31, 2003, Olivares had received a copy of said DOJ resolution. She could have, as early as then, initiated steps to stop the filing of the information with the courts and consequently, the issuance of the warrants of arrests.

Based on that DOJ resolution, 19 complaints were filed against Olivares. These were raffled to the different branches of the Makati Regional Trial Court. As a legal consequence, warrants of arrests against her were thereafter issued.

Finally, we have no control over the timing of the enforcement of the warrants of arrest against common criminals, which is a function of the Philippine National Police. Needless to say, timing is not dependent on whether or not banks are open for business.

In claiming there was undue haste in the prosecution of her case, Olivares is actually saying that being an alleged journalist and publisher, she should be given preferential treatment. Unfortunately for her, being a publisher of a white paper disguised as a newspaper does not put her above the law.

Olivares should be reminded that our actions have consequences for which we must be responsible and accountable. She can rave all she wants. We cannot keep her from doing that, much as in the same way, she cannot keep us from defending ourselves and seeking legal redress.

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The root of the President's problems

IT has been reported that the President visited the Philippine Coast Guard and has promised salary increases and additional benefits for its personnel. Where else will the government get all the money the President is giving away to buy fealty but from borrowed sources for future generations to pay, even as grafters cart away year after year the national wealth?

The President has not up to now demonstrated indomitable will to deter corruption in high places. It's incredible to think that there are only three crooks in the Bureau of Internal Revenue and one in the Bureau of Customs. What have become of the charges against former BIR Commissioners Liwayway Vinzons-Chato and Rene Bañez? What about the P20-billlion tax evasion case of Lucio Tan and the tax credit scam of the giant oil companies? The public is not likely to hear more of the anomalies in the IPP contracts and the PEA-Amari investigation where GMA allies may be involved. Fortunately, for the nation, the libel case lodged against journalist Ninez Cacho-Olivares will keep in the public eye the Piatco scandal, even as the extortion scandal allegedly involving former Justice Secretary Hernando Perez recedes from public view like the evening tide.

Into the last of her three-year term, no major developments in the area of grand thievery have yet occurred. The President is timid in making reference to corruption in her speeches when this is the primary curse of all administrations since five decades ago. She was forced to address this in passing, along with terrorism and illegal drugs, in her last Sona because the rouge AFP officers who besieged Oakwood were raising this as a major issue. However, she has not taken extraordinary steps to curb this while she has allocated an additional P1 billion to fight drug trafficking and offered bounty for the capture of terrorists.

Will somebody please shout into the ears of GMA that corruption is the root of all her problems! She should address this with greater vigor than all else. Why does she not offer a bounty to private lawyers who can track down crooks in government and the private sector, and allocate more funds to the prosecution arm of the government or do something drastic to uproot the well-entrenched crooks, including some of her allies?

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Harassed non-smokers get support from tourist

TOURISM Secretary Richard Gordon, in a plea to mayors, suggested that an absolute ban on public smoking will adversely affect trade. He also said that the poor innocent smokers are being harassed by a powerful anti-smoking lobby. The reverse is true. Tobacco companies have the resources to manufacture their massaged statistics in favor of smoking in public, and the ability to bribe or threaten public servants who oppose them.

It is the smokers who harass the non-smokers, by polluting the air we all breathe, by littering public places and by disproportionately using the limited medical resources available for the treatment of their health problems. Their plea for a special place in a public utility in which to indulge their morbid habit is typical of their insensitivity to the danger they are causing by forcing other people to be secondary smokers. Are we to suppose that smoke stays only in the place where it is emitted?

Why give such a privilege only to smokers? We have laws restricting the rights of armed robbers to invade our shopping malls. We could as well set aside a special area in each mall where armed robbery is permitted. Swimming pools could have a special area set aside for bathers who wish to be free to urinate, so that bathers who fear infection can use another designated part of the pool.

I wonder whether Gordon has statistics about the number of restaurant owners who complain of loss of tourist business because of non-smoking rules. I am a tourist who does not smoke, and I try to avoid public places with assigned smoking areas, because the atmosphere in such places makes me feel sick. I consciously avoid revisiting countries such as Turkey where smoking is endemic. I have visited the Philippines twice for a period of three months, and shall probably wish to come here again, unless your mayors are persuaded by Gordon and the tobacco lobby to enact local ordinances to banish the natural human right of everyone to breathe clean air.

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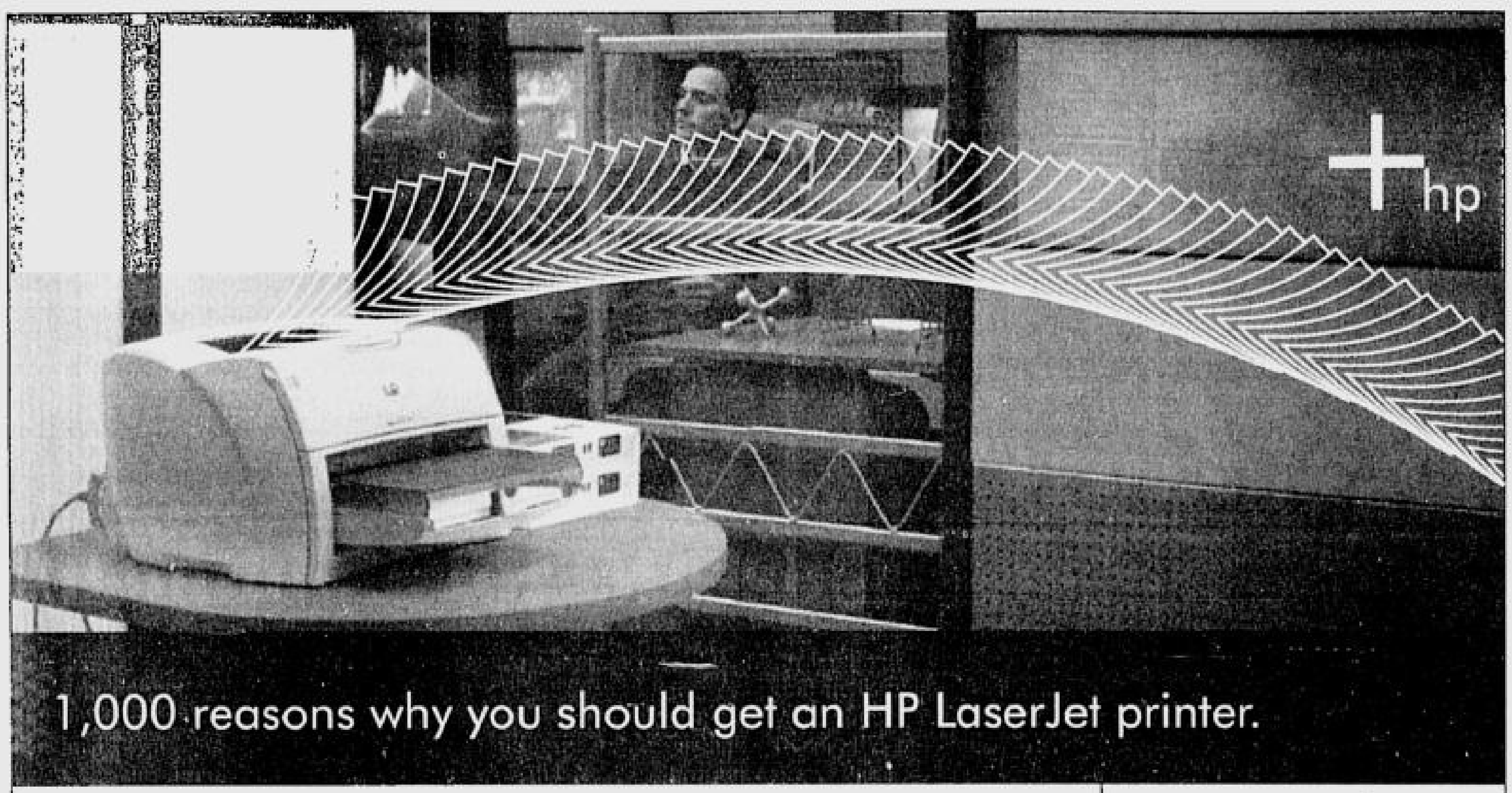

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France threatens to veto Lockerbie measure at UN

WASHINGTON—France has privately threatened to veto lifting UN sanctions on Libya unless Tripoli increases compensation for victims of a 1989 French airliner bombing, possibly jeopardizing the $2.7 billion Lockerbie settlement, US officials said on Thursday.

The French position outraged some US officials who feared it would delay or undermine a tortuously negotiated deal under which Libya plans to pay up to $10 million to families of the 270 people killed in the mid-air bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

The US officials accused France of hypocrisy, saying it long ago accepted lower compensation for the 170 victims of the bombing of UTA Flight 772 over Niger in 1989 and in the past had called for the UN sanctions to be permanently lifted.

"They have threatened to veto unless Libya pays more money (for the UTA victims)," said a US official who asked not to be named. "They are trying to piggyback on our settlement and they are trying to blackmail the Libyans."

US Secretary of State Colin Powell called French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin on Wednesday to urge Paris not to undermine the Lockerbie settlement, which had appeared on the brink of completion.

Lawyers for Lockerbie families signed an accord with Libya Wednesday to set up an escrow bank account to hold the $2.7 billion in compensation Tripoli has agreed to pay.

The escrow agreement is the first step in a carefully choreographed arrangement under which Libya was expected to formally take responsibility for the Lockerbie bombing, possibly this week and, as a result, for UN sanctions against Tripoli to be lifted, possibly as early as next week.

A US official said Washington and London planned to stick to the schedule, effectively daring France to veto removing the sanctions.

It was unclear, however, whether Libya would go ahead given the French threat. Some Arab diplomats speculated Tripoli might hold back for fear of taking the two actions it long resisted only to see the settlement get bogged down by France's demand.

While expressing delight at the Lockerbie deal, France made clear it wanted more money for the UTA families.

"In the interest of fairness, we would like a complementary settlement to be made very rapidly between Libya and eligible parties among the families of the victims of the UTA flight," the French foreign ministry said in a statement.

It did not say whether France would veto ending sanctions against Tripoli, something a group representing UTA families has demanded.

The group, the SOS-Attentats association, has said that of around 1,000 parties eligible for compensation for the UTA bombing, 313 people received payments of between 3,000 euros ($3,378) and 30,000 euros ($33,780). *Reuters*

Heat wave may have killed up to 3,000, Paris says

PARIS—France said on Thursday the recent heat wave may have killed up to 3,000 people as it put its health service on an emergency footing.

"I think we can now qualify what is happening as a genuine epidemic," Health Minister Jean-Francois Mattei said on France Inter state radio.

The government, criticized for failing to act fast enough, recalled medical staff from holidays under an emergency plan designed to deal with nuclear disasters.

And hospitals set up refrigerated tents to house victims of the heat wave which has seen temperatures top 40 degrees Celsius (104 F).

The national health authority, part of the health ministry, said in a statement the death toll estimate of 3,000 included people killed directly and indirectly by the heat wave since July 25 and was based on extrapolation from figures for Paris.

Victims were mainly elderly people with heat-related conditions, such as hyperthermia and dehydration.

"Some were seriously ill anyway and the heat accelerated their illness," a health authority official said.

The French toll has already exceeded the 2,600 who died in a 1998 heat wave in India. A killer heat in Chicago claimed more than 500 lives in 1995 and there were 900 heat-related deaths in Athens in 1987.

Death toll figures from the current heat wave were far lower in countries neighboring France. It was not clear whether that was due to different ways of registering the cause of death.

In Italy, doctors said some 70 people had died indirectly in recent days from the heat with temperatures exceeding 40 degrees. *Reuters*

Dead British scientist rebuked days before death

LONDON—David Kelly, the dead British government scientist allegedly behind claims that London beefed up its case for war on Iraq, received a written reprimand from bosses days before his presumed suicide, a probe into his death heard Thursday.

On the fourth day of hearing evidence, the inquiry in London also learned that Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon overrode the advice of his most senior civil servant to order Kelly to appear in public before a parliamentary committee set up to investigate the claims that London "sexed up" a dossier on Iraq.

Meanwhile, Kelly had told his bosses at the Ministry of Defense that he was "convinced" he was not the source for the contentious claims, broadcast by BBC radio journalist Andrew Gilligan in May, the inquiry also heard.

The claims that London "sexed up" a dossier on Iraq's weapons ahead of the US-led war in March and apparent suicide of Kelly has triggered a political crisis for British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Blair, who is currently on holiday in Barbados, and Hoon are expected to be summoned to give evidence before the end of the inquiry which should last several weeks.

In a written reprimand sent to Kelly on July 9, the defense ministry's personnel director Richard Hatfield told the scientist he would not be punished for speaking to BBC journalist Andrew Gilligan ahead of his controversial radio report, but should seek explicit authorization before any further contacts with journalists.

In the letter, published Thursday by the inquiry into Kelly's death, Hatfield wrote: "I have concluded that although your behavior fell well short of the standard that I would expect from a civil servant of your standing and experience, it would not be appropriate to initiate formal disciplinary proceedings."

The letter added: "Your contact with Gilligan was particularly ill-judged. Your discussion with him in May has also had awkward consequences for both yourself and the department which could easily have been avoided."

The body of Kelly, a former UN arms inspector in Iraq and biological weapons expert, was found on July 18, three days after he was grilled by a parliamentary committee.

The independent judicial inquiry, ordered by Blair following Kelly's death, heard Thursday that in a memorandum to Hoon, the defense ministry's permanent secretary Kevin Tebbit argued that allowing Kelly to go before the committee would attach "disproportionate importance" to his evidence.

"The man came forward voluntarily. He is not on trial," Tebbit's memorandum said.

But in a second memorandum, Hoon's office argued that it would be "presentationally" difficult to avoid putting Kelly before the committee and sent a further note to Foreign Secretary Jack Straw's office confirming that it had been decided that Kelly should give evidence. *AFP*

Ex-secretary of state joins Schwarzenegger team

SAN FRANCISCO—Arnold Schwarzenegger added more brawn to his campaign team on Thursday by announcing that former Secretary of State George Shultz would join a brain trust of his economic advisors that already includes billionaire Warren Buffett.

Seeking to counter criticism that the muscular movie star does not have the necessary experience to serve as California's governor, Schwarzenegger has assembled a team of political veterans behind the scenes and now two top financial names in the foreground.

On Wednesday, he named billionaire Democrat Warren Buffett as his senior economic adviser, who will co-chair an "Economic Recovery Council" with Shultz to help the candidate develop ideas to revitalize California's economy.

In addition to serving as secretary of state from 1982-89 under President Ronald Reagan, veteran Republican Shultz served as a secretary of the Treasury under Richard Nixon. He was an outspoken supporter of war against Iraq.

"His depth and breadth of experience will be invaluable to me," Schwarzenegger said in a statement. "Warren and George will be helping me to assemble a world-class team and I look forward to our first meeting."

Schwarzenegger is hoping to take over the statehouse if voters recall Democratic incumbent Gray Davis on Oct. 7. The Austrian-born actor leads a pack of 135 replacement candidates in polls. Other candidates include prominent politicians, pornographer Larry Flynt, a firefighter, a meatpacker, a used car dealer and an adult film actress.

The star of the "Terminator" films did not schedule any public events on Thursday to avoid crossing paths with President George W. Bush, who started a two-day trip to southern California, an aide said.

Bush has said he thinks Schwarzenegger would be a good governor, but the White House and the actor's campaign want to avoid any perception that the president is meddling in California politics.

Also on Thursday, radio and TV broadcasters scheduled the first debate in the free-for-all race, but said Davis and most of the replacement candidates would be excluded.

Trying to grapple with a record field of 135 candidates, the California Broadcasters Association said it would invite only candidates with more than 10 percent support in polls for the 90-minute Sept. 17 debate.

Davis was excluded because his name appears only on the first question on the ballot—which asks voters whether he should be recalled. Instead, the CBA has decided it will give Davis a voice in a separate 30-minute televised segment. *Reuters*

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British soldier killed, 2 hurt in attack on ambulance in Basra

BAGHDAD—A British soldier was killed and two were wounded when a roadside bomb hit a military ambulance in the southern city of Basra on Thursday, a British military spokesperson said.

The attack, hot on the heels of two days of unrest by the Shiite Muslim population in Basra at the weekend, marked the first deadly guerrilla-style attack against British troops since the end of major hostilities in Iraq on May 1.

It also came after Shiite residents in a Baghdad slum rejected a US apology over an incident that sparked protests there and vowed more violence unless American troops withdrew from the district.

A British military spokesperson said the Basra attack occurred on the outskirts of the city after "an improvised explosive device" hidden next to a lamp post was detonated. He said the ambulance, which was clearly marked, supported British soldiers and Iraqi civilians.

"One serviceman was killed and two suffered non-life threatening wounds," the spokesperson said by telephone from Basra, adding it was too early to speculate on who was behind the attack.

It was the first British fatality in a hostile incident since June 25 when six soldiers were killed by an armed mob angered by house searches in the southern village of Majjar.

Thursday's death raised to 15 the number of British soldiers killed in attacks since US and British forces invaded Iraq on March 20 to oust Saddam Hussein.

US forces have faced a guerrilla campaign in Sunni central Iraq, a hotbed of Saddam support, which has claimed 60 soldiers since May 1 alone. A total of 191 US soldiers have died as a result of hostile action since the war began.

Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the senior commander in Iraq, said American troops had shot dead one Iraqi and wounded four after coming under attack on Wednesday when thousands of Shiites took to the streets of Sadr City in northeast Baghdad.

The protest was sparked when a US helicopter flew close to the flag of a religious school hung from a communications tower.

Locals said the helicopter crew tore down the banner, but the military said the banner was blown off by accident.

In a letter distributed to locals, Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Hoffman apologized and promised an investigation.

"We deeply regret what has happened today. What occurred was a mistake and was not directed against the people of Sadr City," the letter said. "I am personally investigating this incident and will punish those responsible. We offer to treat the four wounded citizens at Coalition medical facilities."

But residents vowed more protests, and a local sheikh said American troops would face violence unless they withdrew.

"The apology is not enough," Qais Hadi Khazali told Reuters.

"We cannot control the situation. It is very tense. If the soldiers care first of all about their own welfare, and secondly about the welfare of Iraq, they must leave Sadr City."

Most Shiites in Iraq say they were oppressed by Saddam Hussein, a Sunni, and welcomed his overthrow. But some powerful Shi'ite clerics have spoken out against the occupation, and anger is also brewing in mainly Shi'ite southern Iraq due to chronic fuel and electricity shortages. *Reuters*

Ceasefire at risk as Israel kills militant

HEBRON, West Bank—Israeli troops killed a Palestinian militant commander in a gun battle on Thursday, drawing vows of revenge amid mounting signs a six-week-old ceasefire critical to a new peace plan could collapse.

A surge of violence, including an army raid last week that killed two Hamas militants and prompted two retaliatory Palestinian suicide bombings, has overshadowed diplomatic efforts to stop the US-led "road map" plan from unraveling.

Despite heightened tensions, Palestinian security chief Mohammed Dahlan had talks with Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz. Army Radio said the meeting was inconclusive, but Israeli officials said further talks were expected in coming days.

Israel planned to go ahead on Friday with a release of about 80 Palestinian prisoners, all arrested on criminal charges such as car theft or illegal entry into Israel, after a three-day delay due to Tuesday's bombings, security sources said.

Israel called the move a goodwill gesture. Palestinians dismissed it as a sham. They demand an amnesty for all 6,000 detainees held by Israel, including militants.

In Hebron, a West Bank stronghold of Muslim militants, Israeli troops surrounded a house in search of Mohammad Seder, local head of Islamic Jihad's armed wing.

The Israeli army said Seder responded with gunfire to repeated calls to surrender and when soldiers shot back they set off explosives in a bomb-making workshop. Soldiers were later seen removing Seder's body with a machine gun still clutched in his hands.

The army said he was behind attacks that killed 19 Israelis and two foreign monitors and was planning a car bombing.

"The response to this assassination will be quick, like an earthquake, and in the depth of the Zionist entity (Israel)," said the Web site of a group affiliated with Islamic Jihad.

A spokesperson for Mofaz said he told Washington's peace envoy on Thursday there could be no progress on the road map until Palestinians began dismantling militant groups.

"In areas where the Palestinian Authority does not act against terror, we will do so," a senior Israeli official said. *Reuters*

FIREWORKS light Itsukushima Shrine's gate, right, one of the world's heritages, in Hiroshima, western Japan, Aug. 14. AP

Ministers visit war shrine as Japan marks anniversary of World War II surrender

TOKYO—Japan marked the 58th anniversary of its surrender at the end of World War II Friday in a ceremony led by the emperor and empress, while four cabinet ministers visited the controversial Yasukuni war shrine.

The official ceremony, attended by some 6,200 people including veterans, relatives of war dead, Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko and Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, began at Tokyo's Budokan hall at 11:50 a.m. with the singing of the national anthem, "Kimigayo" ("Thy Reign").

After bowing before a cenotaph dedicated to some 3.1 million war victims, Koizumi, dressed in a black morning coat and tails, renewed a pledge renouncing war and expressed remorse for Japan's aggression against its Asian neighbors.

"We look back back humbly on the past and firmly maintain our promise to renounce war," he said.

"Our country above all inflicted great pain and damage on our neighboring countries in Asia," Koizumi said. "We will put all our efforts to building friendly relations with all nations and contribute to everlasting peace." Emperor Akihito led a minute's silence while bowing before the wooden monument, which was flanked by a huge display of white and gold chrysanthemums.

"I earnestly hope that the disaster of war will never be repeated," the emperor said. "With all the people of Japan, I mourn for those fallen in war and those scattered by the battlefields. I pray for world peace and the development of our nation." *AFP*

India PM asks Pakistan to take hint from bus-baby

NEW DELHI—Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee asked Islamabad Friday to "understand" the message underlying the outpouring of love here for a 2-year-old Pakistani girl who visited India for heart surgery.

Noor Fatima became an icon of South Asian peace hopes after she arrived here last month on the first bus service in 18 months from neighboring Pakistan.

Deviating from his traditional address to the nation on India's Independence Day, Vajpayee opted instead to discuss what people in India and Pakistan have now fondly labelled the "Noor factor."

"The love the 2-year-old Noor got in India carries a message which our friends in Pakistan must understand," Vajpayee said of the bewitching response to the child with holes in her heart.

Strangers offered gifts and children lined streets and prayed for Noor in the southern city of Bangalore, where a privately-run hospital waived its fees for the heart surgery it successfully conducted on the bus-baby.

Vajpayee's federal government has since offered free treatment to 20 children from Pakistan and said New Delhi will ease visa regimes for such ailing toddlers from across the border as part of sweeping initiatives to mend bilateral ties.

"I invite Pakistan to walk the path of peace with India. It is uneven, there are minefields but when we walk together the obstacles will start fading away," Vajpayee said in his latest olive branch to Pakistan.

Noor and her parents were among the first passengers to board the bus to India on July 11 when the bus service resumed after an 18-month hiatus due to war tensions between the nuclear-armed neighbors. *AFP*

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8,000 troopers sent to guard Davao feast

DAVAO CITY—More than 8,000 policemen and soldiers would be deployed in and around the city during this year's celebration of the Kadayawan Festival.

The Kadayawan is the city's annual thanksgiving feast that is held every Aug. 18. This is a week-long activity participated in by Davaoeños from all walks of life and its activities have been consistent crowd drawers.

Mayor Rodrigo Duterte said the decision to deploy the large number of troopers was only logical because of the "clear and present danger" posed by terrorists.

More than 40 people were killed while dozens of others were critically wounded when two bombs exploded in the airport and in the Sasa Wharf this year.

The explosions were blamed on the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) although the rebel group repeatedly denied any involvement in the bomb attacks.

Duterte said because the terror threats persist, the alert level in the city had been raised to yellow.

This means that authorities would be on a heightened alert all throughout the festivity.

But the mayor said the heightened alert status should not dampen the mood of the Kadayawan. He urged the people to enjoy but advised them to be "extra careful, extra vigilant, and extra alert."

The Task Force Davao said aside from the 8,000 police and military personnel, it would also deploy some 300 specially trained Cafgu members starting today to reinforce the city's security. *Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

14 held in drug raid in Laguna town

LUMBAN, Laguna—Police arrested 14 users and pushers of shabu (methamphetamine hydrochloride) in an early morning operation Thursday in Barangay Maytalang Uno in this town.

Senior Supt. Edwin Corvera, Laguna police chief, said the arrested suspects are all residents of Barangay Maytalang Uno. *Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Countdown for Justice

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IT is exactly 460 days today since Pagadian journalist Edgar Damalerio was slain in cold blood. The principal suspect, police officer Guillermo Wapile, remains at large after escaping while in the custody of the police.

Comelec declares Leyte town mayor loser

By Joey A. Gabieta, *PDI Visayas Bureau*

TACLOBAN CITY—The Commission on Elections Second Division has unseated Mayor Valente Adolfo of Mayorga town in Leyte and installed Zenaida Doria, the former mayor of the municipality, as the town's duly elected mayor.

The Comelec Second Division upheld an earlier ruling by Leyte Regional Trial Court Judge Buenaventura Pajaron who declared that Doria, the reelectionist mayor, won the mayoral race in 2001.

Pajaron, in a ruling Jan. 3, declared that Doria got 2,449 votes against the 2,328 votes received by Adolfo or a difference of 121 votes.

Doria had filed an election protest against Adolfo.

Doria, who was seeking her last term as mayor, was protesting the ruling on May 15, 2001 by the town's board of canvassers that declared Adolfo winner in the mayoral race by a margin of 135 votes.

With this favorable ruling from the lower court, Doria, on Jan. 7, filed her motion for execution of the decision notwithstanding the appeal that was to be filed by her rival.

On Jan. 10, Pajaron granted Doria's petition.

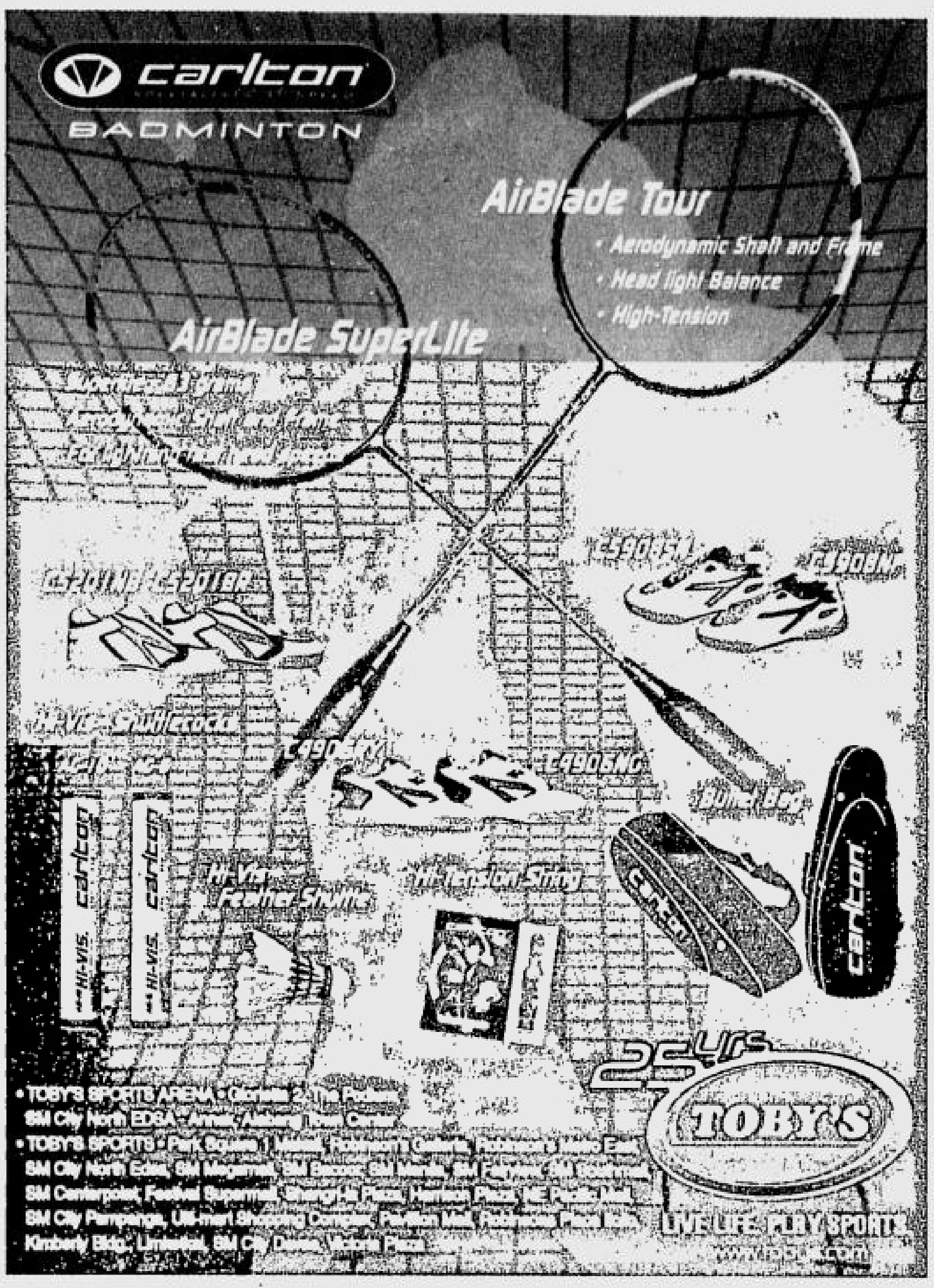
Adolfo protested the ruling. On Jan. 18, he elevated his case before the Comelec, claiming that Pajaron "committed serious errors in his appreciation of the contested ballots," and committed grave abuse of discretion.

But the Comelec second division chaired by Commissioner Ralph Lantion, in a decision promulgated on Aug. 14, 2003, decided in favor of Pajaron, saying that it found the judge's order "to be in accord with existing laws and prevailing jurisprudence."

Quoting earlier decisions of the Supreme Court, the poll body said there were grounds that would justify the execution of an election protest even if it was under appeal.

Doria said the Comelec decision was a "vindication."

"After all almost three years of struggle, finally, the Comelec ruled in my favor. This is a vindication that I was really the real winner during the May 14, 2001 elections," she said.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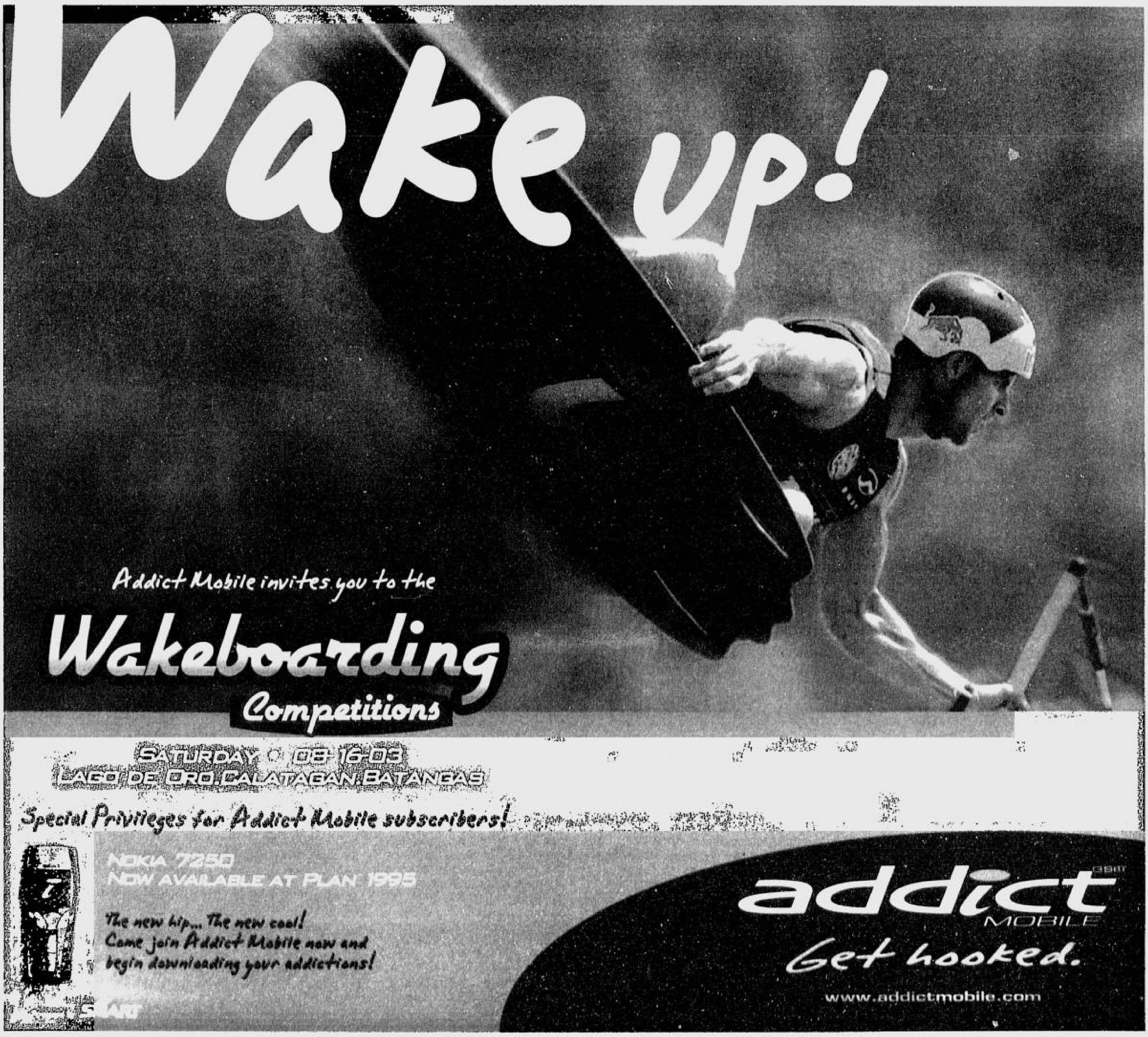
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GUARDING the President, members of the Presidential Security Group patrol a village in Kabuntalan, Maguindanao during a visit there of President Macapagal.

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Guingona says Reyes shouldn't quit, asks Gloria to start healing nation

ANGELES CITY—Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr. on Wednesday discouraged the resignation of Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes.

Asked on his thoughts about Reyes' leaving the Cabinet, Guingona said President Macapagal-Arroyo should "find those who are at fault to be accountable, (and) to give them the necessary penalty."

Guingona spoke at the forum of the Kilusan para sa Pambansang Demokrasya on the plan in Congress to introduce amendments to the 1987 Constitution.

He cautioned the President "not to spread the fire" because the military rebellion on July 27 had been foiled by the government.

"*Tapos na ang sunog. Wala namang sunog, hindi natuloy*. (The fire is over. There was no fire in the first place.) Do not spread unnecessary fire anymore," Guingona said.

Healing

"Let us heal the nation," he added.

Guingona made the statement as military officials continued to be mired in the effects of the Oakwood mutiny.

In Sangley Point, Cavite, Navy Commodore Amado Sanglay said the guard on duty when Fireman 1st Engine Man Alex del Valle escaped from the heavily guarded Camp San Felipe on Sunday would be subjected to a lie detector test.

Negligent

He added that investigators believe the guards were negligent, leading to the escape.

Sanglay, however, refused to reveal the names of the guard on duty pending the official results of the ongoing investigation to be submitted to higher officials.

In a phone interview on Thursday, the naval officer blamed the escape on the special treatment given to the 93 enlisted personnel from the Special Warfare Group who took part in the failed July 27 mutiny.

Del Valle, a detained member of the Magdalo group of mutinous soldiers, escaped on Sunday morning after breakfast.

Sanglay said Del Valle was discovered missing only during a head count of prisoners in the military camp.

He, however, said that investigators composed of Navy officials have not discounted the possibility that one of the guards helped Del Valle escape, considering that tight security measures were in place during the time.

"This (the escape) really puzzles us, officers . . . despite tight security (the escape took place)," Sanglay added.

He said he already asked his men to arrest Del Valle within one week so as not to demoralize the armed forces, adding that he would recommend a stiff penalty on guards that would be found guilty of neglect of duty or of helping Del Valle escape.

"If Del Valle fails to return within seven days, he will be declared absent without official leave and discharged dishonorably," the Navy official said.

In Davao City, the chief of the task force investigating the two bombings there has dared Army Capt. Milo Maestrecampo to present "pieces of evidence" to back his claims he was ordered to hurl grenades at mosques here following the April 2 explosion that killed 16 people and injured several others at the Sasa Wharf.

Evidence

Senior Supt. Eric Javier, also chief of staff of the Southern Mindanao police, said that Maestrecampo's claims would remain an allegation unless these were "substantiated with evidence."

"We always go by evidence when we formalize charges," Javier said.

Javier said the first thing that Maestrecampo should do is to coordinate with the Davao police.

During Maestrecampo's first appearance at the Senate inquiry on Wednesday, he accused his commander, whom he refused to identify, of ordering him to hurl grenades at mosques in Davao City following the deadly bomb attack in the crowded wharf.

The explosion was blamed on the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

"I could not submit to the order and I told my immediate superior that, `Sir, this is not the enemy, we know they (Muslim civilians) did not hit (the) wharf," he said.

Javier said Maestrecampo's claims were worth looking into because these were serious allegations.

The mutineers demanded the resignation of top military and defense officials after accusing them of corruption and inefficiency. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk; Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau; and Fausto Tatad, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

ROUNDUP

Woman found dead

BAGUIO CITY—A woman was stabbed dead in a motel room here on Sunday. Police identified the victim as Claudine Villanueva, 39, a resident of Barangay Irisan. Villanueva died from seven stab wounds in the body. Reports said Villanueva and a male companion checked in at the Mountain Side Inn at 9:40 p.m. on Sunday. Ryan Osados, Mountain Side room boy, said he heard someone shouting about 10 minutes after the couple entered Room 304. He checked the source of the commotion and saw Villanueva's companion dash out of the room. He said he entered the room and found the bloodied Villanueva in bed. Villanueva died while being taken to the Baguio General Hospital. *Joyceeh Epino, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Drug suspects held

SUBIC, Zambales—Police arrested seven illegal drug suspects, including two suspected leaders of drug syndicates operating in Zambales and Olongapo City, in Barangay Baraca and Barangay Matain on Saturday. Chief Insp. Jerry Sumbad of the Subic police identified the suspected drug syndicate leaders as Jesus Lacsa Jr., 48, and Wilfredo Calderon, 46. Sumbad said Lacsa was caught while selling shabu worth P10,000. Four other suspected drug users, Edwin Cabaybay, Eduardo Bada, Arnold Etquibal and Israel Sudaria, were caught while using shabu inside Lacsa's house. Calderon and his wife, Lydia, were arrested while trying to sell shabu. *Allan Macatuno, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

NPA suspect slain

CAMP AQUINO, Tarlac City—A suspected communist rebel was killed in an encounter between the military and the New People's Army in Sigay, Ilocos Sur on Saturday. The victim, identified as Ka Beneth, was a member of the guerrilla front committee of the NPA's Ilocos-Cordillera committee. Reports said a team from the Army's 50th Infantry Battalion went to Barangay Sto. Rosario in Sigay to check on the activities of suspected rebels. However, on reaching the village, one rebel suspect saw the troopers, prompting his companions to fire at them, reports said. The soldiers fired back, killing Ka Beneth. *PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Most wanted nabbed

MAGALANG, Pampanga—Police on Monday arrested the most wanted crime suspect in this town. Supt. Eliseo Capili, town police chief, identified the suspect as Armando Lugtu, 38, a resident of Barangay Sto. Rosario. Capili said Lugtu was arrested at the Madapdap resettlement center along the Mabalacat-Magalang border through an arrest warrant issued by Judge Serafin David of the City of San Fernando regional trial court. Lugtu is facing robbery charges before the court.

Jun Malig, PDI Central Luzon Desk

6 court workers suspended for playing cards in office

SANTIAGO CITY—The Supreme Court's second division has suspended six court employees for playing a card game during office hours last year.

Suspended for a month and a day without pay were court stenographers Marife Apolonio and Andrealyn Andres, process servers Eugenio Taguba and Demetrio Tolentino Jr., and clerks Villamor Bautista and Ronaldo Valdez, all from the municipal trial court here.

The order, penned by Associate Justice Leonardo Quisumbing, said since this was the first offense for simple misconduct for the court workers, they were given a minimum punishment.

The court, however, warned that a repetition or similar act would be dealt with more severely by the court.

"Worth reiterating, although every office in the government is a public trust, no position exacts a greater demand for moral righteousness and uprightness for an individual than in the judiciary," the court said.

The court said the conduct of court personnel from the presiding judge to the lowliest clerk "must always be beyond reproach and circumscribed with the heavy burden of responsibility so as to be free from any suspicion that may taint the judiciary."

It also reiterated that the code of judicial ethics said the "conduct of personnel must be free from any whiff of impropriety . . . not only with respect to their duties in the judicial branch but also to their behaviors outside the court as private individuals."

"How these court personnel expect the public to maintain due respect to the court if they themselves defile," the court said. *Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

SENIORS' PASSPORTS

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Sen. Teresa Aquino Oreta joins in distributing new passports to senior citizens of Hagonoy, Bulacan along with director Elmer Cato (second from left), foreign affairs director, and Hagonoy Mayor Felix "Toti" Ople (in the middle of Oreta and Cato) during Oreta's recent visit to the town. Ople is the son of Foreign Affairs Secretary Blas Ople.

₱40M allocated for Mindanao airports' repair

COTABATO CITY—The government has set aside P40 million for the "immediate repair" of at least five airports in Mindanao after the Asian Development Bank (ADB) forfeited a loan intended for these facilities due to a "technical problem," a Malacañang official said yesterday.

Jesus Dureza, presidential assistant for Mindanao, said the steering committee of the Airports Development Program, which he chairs, has approved the amount for the repair of the Cotabato, Pagadian, Dipolog, Tawi-Tawi and Butuan airports.

The poor condition of the runways of these airports, Dureza said, continues to put travelers and aircraft at risk.

Dureza admitted that the funds earmarked for some of the airports did not satisfy earlier recommendations submitted by the Air Transportation Office (ATO).

For example, the Cotabato Airport in Barangay Awang in Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao would only get P10 million for its repair requirement, P2.5 million short of ATO's estimate.

The five Mindanao airports, considered by ATO as belonging to the third class category, were supposed to benefit from the government's ADB loan of $93 million.

The loan was primarily for the widening and lengthening of runways and repair of existing airport facilities.

The project was delayed by land expropriation cases. *Charlie Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Electricity almost free for Negros town residents

By Romy G. Amarado
PDI Visayas Bureau

VALENCIA, Negros Oriental—The residents of this geothermal-rich town are lucky.

Starting next month, some 85 to 90 percent of the 4,300 electric consumers of Valencia will receive full subsidy for their power consumption.

This developed after the municipal council passed an ordinance last week increasing the power subsidy extended to residents from P400 to P600 a month.

Councilor Deodoro Olasiman, who authored the ordinance, said some 85 to 90 percent of the town's consumers do not spend more than P600 a month in electricity.

The subsidy will be taken from the P50 million in annual royalty that the town receives from the Philippine National Oil Co. (PNOC) for hosting two geothermal power plants in Valencia that generates some 192.5 megawatts.

The municipal government started giving out subsidy to power consumers in 1993 in compliance with the Local Government Code, which mandates that "all government-owned or controlled corporation engaged in the utilization and development of the national wealth shall set aside one percent of its gross sales a year to the local government units where the natural resources being utilized or developed is located."

The law also provides that the province where such resources are utilized or developed gets 20 percent; the municipality, 45 percent and the barangay, 35 percent.

The Local Government Code also requires that 80 percent of the share will be used solely for lowering the cost of electricity and the remaining 20 percent for developmental projects.

The subsidy given by the Valencia municipal council started in 1993 at P75 a month. It increased to P125 in 1995 and then P200 in 2000. In 2001, the municipal council increased the subsidy to P400.

Olasiman told the INQUIRER that the municipal council decided to increase the subsidy to maximize the use of the royalty.

At least P38 million would spend for the increase in the subsidy as well as for the municipal government's electric consumption, he added.

Olasiman said the town has also allocated P84,000 for each of the 24 barangays here a month for their street-lighting projects.

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No place like home

By Jani Arnaiz
Maasin City

THERE is no place like home.

"Home is where warmth is.

"Home is where the heart is.

"Home is where our minds wander when we reminisce.

"Home is Southern Leyte."

So went the message of Gov. Rosette Yñiguez Lerias during the celebration of the 43rd founding anniversary of Southern Leyte on July 1.

With the theme "Southern Leyte is My Home," Southern Leyteños looked back at its creation as a province with its "Pagkamugna" (Creation) Festival. The event also tried to drumbeat the natural bounty that the province is so endowed with.

Southern Leyte became a separate province on May 22, 1959 under Republic Act No. 2227 signed by then President Carlos P. Garcia. Its creation was introduced on April 15, 1958 under House Bill No. 1318, authored by then Leyte Rep. Nicanor Yñiguez (third district), the father of Governor Lerias. The bill was approved by the 4th Congress on May 2 and by the Senate, a year after on May 16.

But it was not until July 1, 1960 when Southern Leyte was finally inaugurated as the 55th province with a P500,000 budget for 209,269 people in 16 municipalities. Today, it has an annual budget of P300 million for a population of more than 300,000 living in 18 towns and the capital city of Maasin. The city has a separate budget of P170 million.

The people have every reason to celebrate because for 50 years before Southern Leyte was proclaimed a separate province, several attempts to divide Leyte Island into two provinces had been unsuccessful.

The first effort was made as early as 1919, when then Rep. Ciriaco K. Kangleon (second district) filed a bill creating a new province. It, however, failed by one vote in the Senate.

In 1922, Leyte Rep. Tomas Oppus filed House Bill 254 proposing a new province called Occidental Leyte, comprising the towns of Villaba to Hinunangan. It became Act No. 3117, but American Governor-General Leonard Wood refused to issue a proclamation, purportedly for economic reasons.

In 1953, then Congressman Francisco Pajao promised to have President Elpidio Quirino sign the proclamation, but it was superseded by the signing into law of Act No. 3758, which divided Leyte into five districts. That same year, war time hero Col. Ruperto K. Kangleon, who became a senator, filed Senate Bill No. 2140 dividing Leyte into two provinces. The bill was passed in the Senate, but for some reasons, the House version, filed by Pajao and co-authored by Rep. Alberto Agripa, was withdrawn.

PAGKAMUGNA Festival dancers reprise the creation of Southern Leyte to the beat of a local musical, the "Legend of Bakunawa." CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

It was not until seven years later, when Yñiguez came along, that Southern Leyte finally became a province.

Four decades later, Southern Leyteños decided to embark on a new way to celebrate its founding anniversary through the first Pagkamugna Festival. The occasion was highlighted by street dancing competition among contingents wearing colorful costumes made of indigenous materials.

The dancers gyrated and swayed to the beat of the "Legend of Bakunawa," a stage play written by the late Beunoni Espina, a Maasinhon who has a doctorate in music, which depicted the creation of Southern Leyte as a separate province.

The festival also featured the province' rich natural resources, such as the geothermal energy that is expected to generate at least 120 megawatts of electricity and the unspoiled coral reefs, which have been described by forest and marine conservationist group Coral Cay as second only to the world-famous Tubbataha Reefs.

"We now have a festival we can call our own," remarked newly appointed provincial tourism officer, Nedgar Garvez. "There's no way for our tourism program to take off if we will not involve the private sector and develop our marketing strategy."

Potential tourist destinations are the Limasawa Island, where Christianization started in the Philippines with the First Mass, and the fish sanctuaries and dive sites in Napantao, San Francisco and off the town of Padre Burgos.

The historic Limasawa, which has beautiful caves and dive sites, has also been declared a bat sanctuary.

At the anniversary program, Vice Gov. Eva Tomol was visibly overwhelmed by the thousands of people who filled the Sunken Garden landscape.

Despite the devastation suffered by the province's top product, abaca, due to the dreaded bunchy top virus, Southern Leyteños were in high spirits in celebrating the founding anniversary.

With its newfound geothermal energy source, the province has graduated from the 20 most depressed provinces of the country and is now ranked No. 1 in poverty reduction nationwide.

It was also adjudged the best Provincial Peace and Order Council in Eastern Visayas and the second best in the entire country last year.

The province has been recognized for its agricultural modernization program. Last year, it had the highest percentage of real property tax collections and was a finalist in the nationwide search for best in disaster preparedness.

Hell in Samar paradise

VINTAGE VIEW

Rolando O. Borrinaga

"HELL is a summer resort beside Samar," wrote Rev. W.H.T. Squires, D.D., in an article published in The Virginian-Pilot (a newspaper in Norfolk, Virginia, USA) on April 30, 1942.

Squires quoted the US Marines epithet in a sympathetic tribute to former Maj. Littleton W. T. Waller, a local hero in Virginia who retired as major general of the US Marine Corps.

To Filipinos, Waller was the "butcher of Samar," the commanding officer of a special battalion of US Marines that implemented the "kill-and-burn" campaign in southern Samar in the wake of the Balangiga Massacre in September 1901.

Squires derogated Samar at a time when captured Filipino fighters and their American comrades were still dying like flies in the aftermath of the Fall of Bataan weeks earlier on April 9, 1942. They had failed to defend America's interest in our country from the onslaught of the then mighty Japanese military machine.

A century after Balangiga and 60 years after Bataan, Samar remains a sinkhole of underdevelopment and neglect. Mother America hardly lifted a finger on Samar's behalf during her colonial years. The island was left as a jungle hell and belligerent towns, like Basey and Balangiga, were cut up into two and three towns, respectively, for more effective divide-and-rule.

Ironically, it was "Enemy Japan," which provided assistance that appeared to have lifted Samar out of its jungle hell conditions. The Samar section of the Maharlika Highway and the asphalt Taft-Guiuan Highway were earlier examples.

In recent years, the completion of the South Samar Coastal Road Project from Basey through the Balangiga corridor to Buenavista, Quinapondan, again with official development assistance from Japan, had perked up the economy of southern Samar.

It must be noted that this road project was outside the wish of some influential Samar politicians, who instead wanted to cut a highway through the pristine forest from Basey to Borongan. This project may be considered a victory for the NGO community, which lobbied hard against the forest highway. Of course, they got a lot of help and boost from socially and environmentally concerned sectors of the donor government.

Given this background, the government endorsement of funding for the Help for Catubig Agricultural Advancement Project (HCAAP) during the Estrada administration was received with elation. Estimated to cost P2.2 billion, this project in Northern Samar was proposed for funding with a loan from Japan.

Like the long-neglected Balangiga, Catubig was also left to stagnate all these decades. Perhaps because, like Balangiga, Catubig was also the scene of a major Filipino victory against American troops during the Philippine-American War.

Known to Americans but hardly to Filipinos, the Battle of Catubig on April 14-18, 1900 caused the death of 19 American soldiers and was the first big defeat of US troops in Samar.

The New York Times called the battle "one of the most thrilling and picturesque incidents of the entire Philippine war.'" But the US War Department used far less glowing terms, describing it as the "heaviest bloody encounter yet for American troops" in the colonial war against the Filipinos.

Three years after government endorsement, nothing much has been heard of the Catubig project. I hope this would be pursued with multisectoral determination similar to the one that resulted in the South Samar Coastal Road Project. I also hope that this project would include connecting the northeastern Samar towns with a concreted highway, just like in the southern part of the island.

A good road network around Samar Island, not its remilitarization in the wake of recent attacks by the New People's Army (NPA) or the proposed gerrymandering of new provinces, provides the best hope for the island's economic progress in the near future.

The hellish neglect of specific areas of Samar, first by American colonialists and neo-colonialists, and later by their Filipino surrogates and lackeys, could be traced to the proud histories of these areas. Balangiga and Catubig were virtually left to the elements for doing the country proud during our shrouded past.

In a final ironic twist, it is Japan, a country that our "American miseducation" continues to present as an enemy, which provides Samar some taste of "heaven" from the hell imposed by Mother America.

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Massive blackout hits US, Canada

NEW YORK—The biggest power outage in North American history blacked out New York and other major United States and Canadian cities on Thursday (Friday in Manila), leaving millions of people in the dark and forcing thousands of stranded commuters to sleep in the streets of Manhattan.

As the lights went out on Broadway, officials ruled out sabotage, but could not agree on the cause of the blackout.

"The one thing I can say for certain is that this was not a terrorist act," US President George W. Bush told reporters.

The power grid failure spread as far as Detroit and Cleveland, and across the Canadian border to Toronto and Ottawa.

In New York, the blackout trapped thousands in crowded subways, forced millions of evacuated office workers onto the streets, darkened Broadway and hit late trading on US financial markets.

It briefly closed the city's three main airports and jangled nerves among New Yorkers whose memories of the airliner hijacking attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 are still raw. People could be seen running through the city's downtown financial district.

"Everybody just flipped out," said nurse Mary Horan, stranded, with hordes of others, outside Grand Central Station.

"Suddenly you start thinking about 9/11."

Investigators eager to find the cause were focusing on transmission lines and transformers in upstate New York and neighboring Canada, scouting for traces of the surge that tripped circuit-breaking protective devices to shut down the system.

Finger-pointing

Bush promised a review of "why the cascade was so significant, why it was able to ripple so significantly throughout our system."

"We're the world's greatest superpower, but we have a Third World electricity grid," said former Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, now governor of New Mexico.

Most accounts of what went wrong late Thursday afternoon agreed on only a few points. Federal and local officials, including Bush, saw no apparent sign of terrorism. There was a bubble of speculation about whether computer hackers might be responsible, but no real evidence so far.

The blackouts set off finger pointing on both sides of the border.

The New York Independent System Operator, which runs the state's wholesale electricity market and monitors power usage, said in a statement after midnight that it detected a fault west of the Ontario power system at 4:11 p.m. EDT (4:11 a.m. Friday in Manila).

The ISO did not release details of how or specifically where it detected the fault and a spokesperson did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

The office of Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien said a severe outage at a Pennsylvania nuclear power plant may have caused the massive power blackout that cascaded over an area of 24,000 square kilometers in the US Northeast and Ontario.

Earlier, US and Canadian officials said a fire or perhaps lightning had hit a power plant near Niagara Falls in New York state.

Power grid operators said there appeared to have been a failure on the high-voltage transmission lines connecting the United States and Canada.

The blackouts started shortly after 4 p.m. EDT, engulfing most of New York state and parts of New England, and spreading west to Ohio and Michigan. In Toronto, Canada's largest city, workers fled their buildings when the power went off. There also were widespread outages in Ottawa, the capital.

Power began to come back as evening wore on, but officials said full restoration would take much longer. Officials in Detroit urged people to stay home during the night; nearby communities declared curfews to keep problems to a minimum.

By Thursday night, New York authorities had electricity back on in parts of the Bronx, Westchester County and Long Island. About half of the one million homes and businesses that lost power in New Jersey had it back.

Outages ranged over an area with roughly 50 million people.

Sporadic looting

Authorities reported few blackout related incidents, but there was sporadic looting in Brooklyn, with 20 people arrested after breaking into a shoe store, five arrested for looting an equipment rental center and one for breaking into a phone store, police said.

In midtown Manhattan, ordinarily as bright and garish as a carnival, streets were pitch black and eerily quiet, despite huge crowds fruitlessly seeking shelter.

Many people were stranded without lodging and forced to make beds of newspaper, cardboard or clothing and camp out on sidewalks, office building foyers, park lawns and parking garages. Near Grand Central station, commuters slept on the sidewalk, their heads on their briefcases. *Reuters, AP*

'Blackest' hours in modern human history

NEW YORK—The power outage that hit New York, much of the northeastern United States and southeastern Canada Thursday, the biggest in US history, has had precedents both in the US and around the world.

United States (Nov. 9, 1965): At the time the worst blackout in US history, it plunged 30 million people in seven northeast US states, and part of Canada, into darkness, after a sharp upsurge in output overburdened a power relay station near the Canadian border.

Twelve years later, on July 13, 1977, another blackout hit New York City and neighboring Westchester county for several hours. Police arrested 4,000 people participating in a wave of looting and rioting.

On July 3, 1996, some 10 million people in the western United States, and in parts of Canada and Mexico, lost power due to a defective supply line linking the states of Wyoming and Idaho.

On Jan. 18, 2001, one million Californians—no strangers to power cuts—lost their supply in the San Francisco area due to the failed liberalization of the state's power sector.

Egypt (April 25, 1990): People in Cairo and throughout Egypt were plunged into darkness by a power outage caused by sandstorms.

Greece (Nov. 5, 1993): Four million people in Athens and surrounding area lost power for several hours after power lines broke under the weight of mud—the product of six months of drought mixed with a brief drizzle.

Italy (Aug. 24, 1994): All of southern Italy, with its population of 18 million people, was plunged into complete darkness.

Philippines (January 1998): Nearly half the population of the Philippines—some 35 million people—were subjected to an outage lasting several hours, as most of Luzon was plunged into darkness.

In May 2002, yet another giant outage hit 40 million people in the same region.

Canada (January 1998): More than three million people in eastern Canada had to make do without electricity for more than a week following freezing rain that overburdened electricity lines with ice.

France (Dec. 26, 1999): Around 3.6 million French homes were deprived of electricity for several hours following a dramatic storm.

India (Jan. 2, 2001): More than 200 million people in northern India were left without power after a power station in the state of Uttar Pradesh broke down.

Nigeria (June 2001): Between 30 and 50 million Nigerians lost power for several days following the collapse of a giant pylon in the east of the country.

Colombia (March 16, 2002): A wave of attacks by rebels against pylons in Colombia caused a major outage overnight.

Argentina (Nov. 24, 2002): Part of Buenos Aires was paralyzed due to damage on a high voltage cable, with two million customers of the power company affected by the ensuing outage.

Algeria (Feb. 3, 2003): All of Algeria was plunged into darkness for several hours due to a breakdown at the country's biggest generating plant. *AFP*

Lights go out in city that never sleeps

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What was going on was plenty of nothing: no power, no air conditioning, no traffic lights, no subways after the power went pffft Thursday at 4:11 p.m. on a steamy August day. People were stranded in elevators or inside trains.

"Wherever the trains were when the electricity went out," said a transit spokesperson, "that's where they are right now."

Several thousand people came to the square which has traditionally been the gathering point for New Yorkers during major events, especially New Year's Eve.

Mike Pepper, a 60-year-old from Indiana, was on his first visit to New York. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience," he said. "The first time I come to Times Square and they have no light."

Mayor Michael Bloomberg quickly assured New Yorkers that terrorism was not involved—the first thought that occurred to Manhattan hair stylist Renato Vasconcelos.

"This is just too weird," he said after giving six panicked customers a quick rinse.

Manhattan streets were flooded with pedestrians, most with no idea of how they might get home to the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, New Jersey or Connecticut. "Westchester for $," read a sign held by one woman standing near Gov. George Pataki's East Side office, headed for the suburbs.

In lower Manhattan, people wandered the streets in a scene far too reminiscent of the World Trade Center attacks. At some intersections, pedestrians stood directing traffic..

Many businesses were forced to shut down early, their cash registers and lights rendered impotent by the massive outage.

On the Brooklyn Bridge, many folks were already walking across the East River on their way home, the same route they had taken on Sept. 11 or during a transit strike.

Pay phones saw lines a dozen deep as people struggled to call home when their cell phones went out. At Patrick Conway's, a bar near Grand Central Terminal, commuters hurriedly downed beers before the bottles turned warm as temperatures hovered in the 90s Fahrenheit (30s Celsius).

The bar's owner, to the delight of his patrons, promised to stay open as long as the power from his generator held out.

Worst since 1977

Power went out in all five boroughs as well as the suburbs in the worst outage to strike the nation's largest city since 1977, when electricity disappeared for 25 hours.

Wisconsin tourist Cathy Ley, 46, left her Times Square hotel to join thousands of others on the street.

"We wanted to come out where there was light," she said. "We want to see the lights tonight. We hope it doesn't last too long."

On Broadway the show did not go on.

Twenty-two shows—19 musicals and three plays—went dark, their normally blazing marquees unlit.

Diane Baskin of Michigan sat with her 20-year-old daughter, Jill, in front of the booth. They had purchased tickets for the Thursday evening performance of "Gypsy."

"We're just people-watching," said Jill. "You've got to make the most of it," added her mother.

Pete Hammel, from New Jersey, brought his wife into town for the night to catch a Broadway show.

"We thought our only problem would be getting tickets, and now we are stuck in this . . . this nightmare," Hammel said.

"How the hell are we going to get home?" he wondered.

The last time all of Broadway shut down was after Sept. 11, when the lights went dark the day of the bombing and the next. A musicians' strike closed musicals, but not plays, for four days last spring.

The city's subway stations were plunged into darkness, with passengers waiting on platforms before heading upstairs for a bus. Buses were packed past capacity, and with good reason: they were among the only places in the city where the air conditioning was still blowing.

City hospitals, for the most part, were operating normally on generators. The Port Authority said all passengers had been safely evacuated from 10 trains that were stuck under the Hudson River or underground when the power went out.

At Kennedy International and LaGuardia Airports, all takeoffs were briefly stopped but incoming flights were allowed to land. Both airports were working on backup power sources.

Security plans in place

The blackout triggered security plans put in place after the 2001 World Trade Center attack.

Police helicopters, boats and heavily armed teams of special counterterror officers moved into place at city landmarks and other sensitive locations, police Commissioner Ray Kelly said. After officials realized the power outage was not an act of terror, they used so-called teams of officers to make sure no one took advantage of the blackout to commit terrorism, he said.

Officials activated an alternate police command site in the Bronx meant to ensure high-level operations are not disrupted by a direct attack on a more accessible department building. More than 2,000 additional officers were on the streets, bringing the head count to more than 9,000.

Kelly said he knew of just one incident of looting, in which three people were arrested trying to burglarize a Brooklyn shoe store.

Despite the heat and the crowds, the atmosphere was generally calm and good spirited, with police only called upon to keep traffic moving. A Red Cross van was parked outside the subway station offering water to passers-by.

"There are a few people who have drunk a bit too much, but nothing we can't handle," said a police academy cadet called in to help the crowd control. *AFP, AP*

Blackouts no big . . .

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fish—send power grids crashing like dominos in many developing countries already struggling to keep up with rising electricity demand.

A history of periodic blackouts means people in many nations are either prepared or just shrug off the outages.

Virtually every public building of any size in the Philippines has a backup generator. Some even tout how fast—in some cases 10 seconds or less—they can switch over after an outage.

Companies reliant on computers have uninterrupted power supply units with battery backup to ensure no interruptions at all. Surge protectors also are critical to keep appliances from burning out when the sometimes-twitchy power goes on.

So as soon as Manila goes black, the lights start flickering back on here and there. Shopping malls may be forced to cut back on air conditioning, but the frappuccino blenders at Starbucks keep whirring.

In the squatter areas, residents bring out lanterns and candles. Traffic—which often ignores red lights when police aren't in sight—continues its honking, cluttered pace with the lights out completely.

One of the strangest outages occurred in December 1999 when more than half of the Philippines' power supply was knocked out when an estimated 50 tons of jellyfish suddenly swam into a key generating plant's cooling system.

In India, too

Blackouts also are a way of life in India, occurring several times a day over most of the country, particularly in the summer when electricity demands are high for water pumps and fans.

When the power is out for a few hours, people just wait it out, going out to sleep on the roof at night or trying to find some sort of shade during the daytime. When it's out for several days in poor areas, people sometimes burn tires and blockade streets to call attention to their plight.

The mostly state-run utility companies blame customers, saying they don't pay their bills and often steal electricity by tapping into power lines, and such makeshift arrangements can be seen in many neighborhoods. *AP*

Magdalo boys clam up

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timony; he was cross-examining the witness with the end in view of discrediting the witness.

"Is that right? He does not jump to discredit his own witness before the commission."

Adaza was referring to Ongkiko's intense grilling of Navy Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes IV during Wednesday's hearing.

At one point, the seasoned trial lawyer chided the officer for saying that Ms Macapagal was "yakking and yakking" during their July 13 meeting in Malacañang.

Double standard

Adaza also said the commission showed "a tendency to be overprotective of the President" and employed a double standard. For instance, he said, it admitted a picture of "men in a huddle," but not the "Oplan Green Base" document.

He denied that the three officers' decision not to testify was an offshoot of Thursday's hearing at the Senate, wherein Gambala admitted that between five and six officers had engaged in a blood compact at different times and venues.

At yesterday's hearing, Ongkiko thanked Adaza "for facilitating our work."

But speaking with reporters later, commission member Carolina Hernandez came to Ongkiko's defense.

"We can't do anything if that is (Adaza's) perception," said Hernandez, also a member of the Davide Commission that looked into the 1989 coup attempt led by Gregorio Honasan, now a senator. "We are not gathering evidence for any prosecutorial arm of the body."

Hernandez also said that "as a matter of fact, you can see that the commission has been very lenient (*'napakabait'*) and allowed them to air their grievances."

She recalled that the Davide Commission then also employed Jess Guerrero and Charles Anastacio as private counsels in eliciting information from witnesses. She said Rex Robles, also a member of the Feliciano Commission and one of the 1989 coup leaders who faced the Davide Commission as a "witness," could attest to the questioning as being very thorough.

Not prosecutorial

But during the earlier press forum, Hernandez conceded that the Feliciano probe was still "looking for a level of comfort" with its witnesses.

At the hearing, Feliciano insisted that like Gambala, Alejano and Layug should also be brought in.

"The commission is very interested in making sure you understand what is happening here," he told them, and went on to douse any "misapprehension" about the body's real purpose.

"This commission is a fact-finding commission," he said. "It is not a judicial commission; it is not a prosecutorial commission. We don't have anything to do with preliminary investigation for any kind of criminal offense. We have nothing to do with determining guilt or innocence, please remember that."

But Fr. Joaquin Bernas, another member of the commission, pointed out that the pieces of evidence presented before it could be used by other investigating bodies.

"That is the reason why, for us, it is a rather delicate thing because we don't want to tread on the rights of the individual, and at the same time, we want to see the whole truth," Bernas said.

Hernandez said Adaza et al. had "made our job a little easier because we can obtain the testimony already given at the Senate and, I may add, it will save a lot of money because we are being fed." It was a reference to the lunch provided the commission members.

The commission will summon to its hearing on Tuesday Ambassador Roy Cimatu, Philippine National Police chief Hermogenes Ebdane Jr., Armed Forces Vice Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Rodolfo Garcia, and Lt. (s.g.) John Michael Santos, an alleged mutineer.

'Just my style'

But why are they saying these things about Ongkiko?

"It's just my style of questioning to get the facts out," the gray-haired lawyer told the INQUIRER.

Ongkiko—defense counsel in celebrated criminal cases in the 1990s like the Vizconde massacre and the rape-slay case against Antonio Sanchez, former mayor of Calauan, Laguna—is no rookie in his present role.

In the 1980s, he was one of the deputy counsels of the Agrava Commission, the fact-finding body that investigated the assassination of ex-Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr.

Ongkiko said he framed his questions based on the three main points that the Feliciano Commission wanted to extract from the proceedings: The facts and circumstances of the July 27 mutiny, its "root causes," and the "provocations" that impelled the renegade soldiers to stage it.

He stressed that all his questions were made in behalf of the independent commission that appointed him, and not in behalf of the government itself.

"As you have seen, we still allowed them to issue their statements," he said, referring to Trillanes and Capt. Milo Maestrecampo, another mutineer.

He said the commission allowed him to ask any question so long as it was relevant and not "embarrassing, insulting, and, of course, incriminating."

"At some point, you would notice that the commission stopped me when (it) thought that my questions were becoming immaterial," he said.

Adversarial tone

Ongkiko said that Adaza and co-counsels were in the Feliciano inquiry not as "defense counsels" but as "counsels of the witness," and that they could rise to invoke their clients' right against self-incrimination but were not allowed to ask questions themselves.

The INQUIRER asked two private lawyers whether Ongkiko had overstepped his functions.

One, a human rights lawyer who declined to be named, said: "The style is really inherent in a lawyer, and (Ongkiko) is known for that style of questioning. Even Bono (Adaza) knows that.

"The tone or manner may be adversarial—in the same way some people may be turned off by Bono's style—but it's fine as long as the questions attain the objectives of the forum."

But to Leonard de Vera of the legal advocacy group E-Just, Ongkiko "should not be arguing with the witnesses."

"The moment he does that, he becomes an advocate for the prosecution (in a criminal trial)," De Vera said.

He said a counsel in a fact-finding body was there to "put a structure" to the proceedings by asking "what, where, when, how and even why—and it's up to the commission to believe the witnesses."

De Vera also said he found the proceedings "inherently defective" because the soldiers' lawyers were at "a great disadvantage" because they were not allowed to ask questions.

Oscar Lopez says GMA bad for business

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declared candidates in next year's presidential election.

This drew a strong reaction from presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye yesterday who said Lopez should not blame Malacañang for the ill fortunes of his family's business empire.

"We appreciate and understand how he feels about some of his businesses not doing well. It will not be fair, however, to blame it on the President," Bunye told a press briefing.

"Is fighting poverty in our country, where the great majority are poor, the kind of populism that Mr. Lopez said would discourage investors? We don't think so," Bunye said.

He said that by eradicating poverty, the President would stabilize economic conditions and in turn make the country attract more investments.

Asked if he thought Ms Macapagal, who came to power after the second Edsa people power uprising in January 2001, has been good for business, Lopez said: Right now, I don't think so because she's a populist."

Wrong end

The Lopezes' multi-billion-dollar business empire that includes the Manila Electric Co. (Meralco), the country's top power distributor, and ABS-CBN, the nation's largest broadcast network, has found itself on the wrong end of government regulators' rulings besides being saddled with some debt-ridden units.

The Supreme Court last year upheld energy regulators' ruling ordering Meralco to refund P30 billion to customers for alleged overcharging.

Aside from Meralco's predicament, Benpres unit Maynilad Water Services is in international arbitration after returning its water distribution franchise to the government.

OSCAR LOPEZ does not see in President Macapagal the "strong leadership" to steer the country away from the "road to ruin."

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Lopez claimed that Maynilad surrendered its concession last year after the President asked it to defer rate raises until 2005.

"Our government, directly or through the so-called 'independent regulators', tries to cap the prices or rates that utilities can charge to what the poor can afford. This is what is popular; this is what wins elections," said Lopez.

"But this is not what creates and sustains good infrastructure," he said.

"Infrastructure developers and utility operators are not charitable institutions that can serve as the government's unwilling surrogate in providing subsidies to the poor," Lopez said.

He described as "less than supportive, if not outright hostile" the regulatory environment under which Lopez Group units have been forced to subsidize the water and power consumption of millions of customers.

OFW-driven growth

He made short shrift of the country's economic growth figures, saying it is being "driven largely by remittances" of millions of Filipinos working abroad.

"But that is merely consumption-driven activity, without any investment behind it. It promotes a culture of unreal expectations in which people demand the right to consume even if they cannot pay for it."

Bunye wondered whether Lopez was quoted out of context.

"Be that as it may, we appreciate and understand how he feels about some of his businesses not doing well," Bunye said.

Supreme Court ruling

The order for Meralco to refund the customers it overcharged some P30 billion in the 1990s had come from the Supreme Court, a separate branch of government, Bunye pointed out.

Meralco's predicament has complicated Benpres' efforts to repay hundreds of millions of dollars in debts incurred when it expanded its businesses prior to the Asian crisis.

Benpres was hit hard when the Asian currency crisis hit in 1997 because of its exposure in its telecommunications unit, Bayan Telecommunications (Bayantel) and Maynilad.

Benpres is in discussions with its creditors to restructure of more than $500 million in debts, including guarantees on debts of its subsidiaries.

Early this week, the cash-strapped Bayantel expressed confidence it could conclude a restructuring agreement with its creditors covering more than $477 million in debts before the end of the year.

Two years ago, the company sought the write-off of 25 percent of its unsecured debts as well as 18 months worth of interest charges starting Jan. 19, 2001. *AFP with a report from Gil Cabacungan Jr.*

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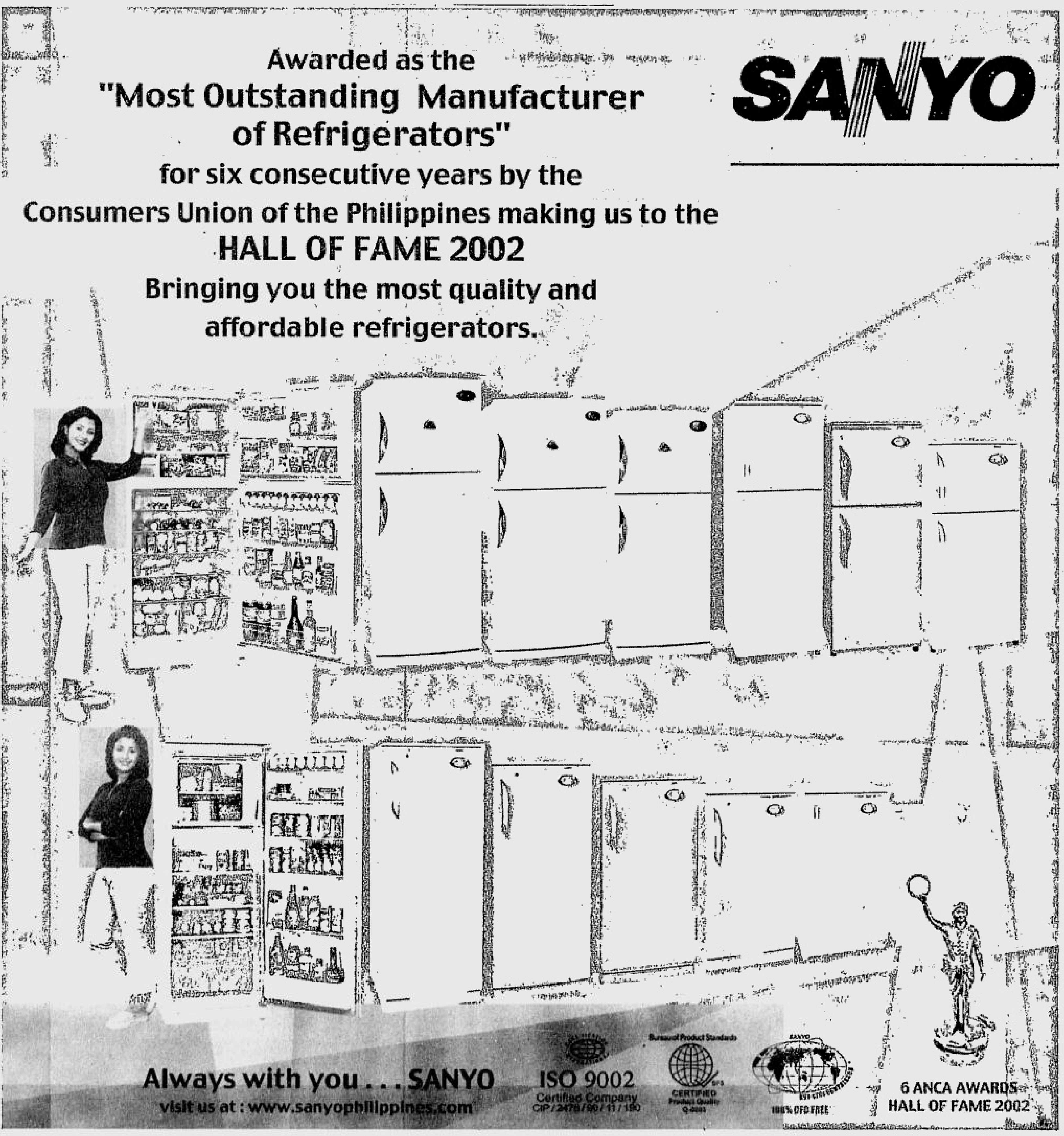

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RP, MILF laud Hambali capture

NEWS of the capture of the man whom Australian Prime Minister John Howard described as "a very big fish" drew praise and relief from Philippine officials.

National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said the capture of Hambali was a big breakthrough in the fight against international terrorism.

"It is strong evidence of the effectiveness of international cooperation," Golez said.

But he urged authorities and the public not to let their guard down because of possible retaliatory attacks by members of the Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) and its sympathizers.

Thanks to Thailand

He said the Philippine National Police had been ordered to raise the alert level for such attacks.

Foreign Secretary Blas Ople praised Thailand for the arrest of Asia's most wanted man.

"The Philippines would like to laud and thank Thailand for this major breakthrough in the war against terrorism," he said. "Thailand's success is a significant step toward breaking the back of the Jemaah Islamiyah terrorist network in our region."

Ople expressed confidence that escaped Indonesian bomber Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi, said to be another JI operative, would soon be recaptured by Philippine authorities.

PNP Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. told reporters that Hambali's arrest "crippled to a certain degree" the JI leadership.

But given Hambali's importance to the organization, Ebdane warned of more terrorist attacks, saying his capture could "trigger the implementation of several plans that they might have been withholding."

Hambali's arrest by Thai authorities is particularly important to the PNP. He has a standing arrest warrant issued by a Manila court for multiple murder, multiple frustrated murder and multiple attempted murder as a result of the bombings in December 2000.

Rodolfo Mendoza, a former police intelligence officer who oversaw many operations to monitor Hambali's movements in Manila in the mid-1990s, called the arrest "a giant leap, a big victory for counterterrorism."

Replacements

Mendoza, now police chief of Pampanga, said there would be no vacuum for al-Qaida because second-liners could immediately replace Hambali.

"But the skillful and talented Hambali is a big loss to the al-Qaida, not only in the regional dimension but also in international operations," he said, adding that the JI would lose momentum in undertaking sophisticated operations.

He described Hambali as "a prize catch" who would be an important source of information, especially in relation to the 9/11 attacks in the United States and terrorist plans in Southeast Asia.

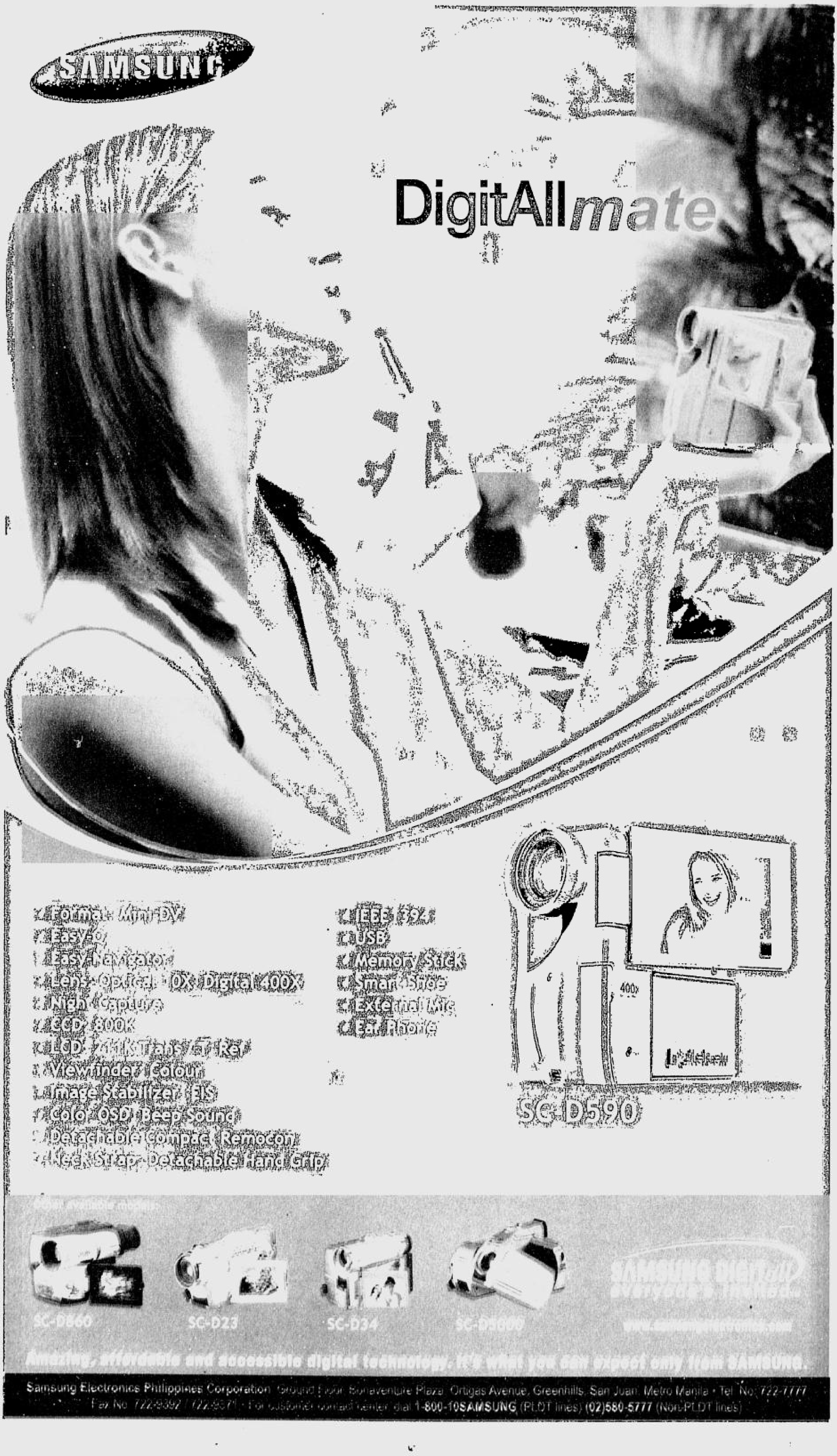
Even the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front hailed Hambali's arrest.

MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu said the arrest was a positive development toward the international effort against terrorism.

"But we hope that while efforts against terror suspects are being intensified, the world will also start to take a look at why terrorism occurs," he said, adding that terror campaigns were anchored on perceived injustices.

Kabalu warned that unless these issues were addressed, terrorism would keep occurring.

"We do not want terrorism," he said. "We have been repeatedly saying we are against it. That's why we are calling on everybody not only to fight terrorism but also to work together to arrest its underlying causes." *Reports from Gil Cabacungan Jr., Gerald G. Lacuarta and Christian V. Esguerra in Manila; Allan A. Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau; AP*



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Asia's most wanted arrested in Thailand

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202 people, indicated that he was not in Indonesia yet.

"He is in US custody," Pastika said, adding that Indonesian police were preparing an extradition request.

Pastika did not clarify whether Hambali, an Indonesian Islamic scholar, was flown out of Thailand to a US military base. But in the past, terrorist suspects have been flown to bases in Afghanistan or in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Thai Defense Minister Thamarak Isarangkun Na Ayutthaya told reporters that Hambali's wife had "nothing to do with the terrorism case."

Indonesian Foreign Minister Hasan Wirayuda said his government would ask Washington for Hambali to be brought to stand trial in Bali even though Indonesia has no extradition treaty with the United States.

"In view of our ongoing [security] cooperation, when the United States no longer needs Hambali we will ask for him to be delivered here," Wirayuda said. "Many countries want him, not just us, because he is linked with international terrorist acts."

Hambali is also wanted by Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines, where he is suspected of having planned the December 2000 bombings in Metro Manila.

Indonesia has blamed the militant Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), the Southeast Asian link to al-Qaida, for the Bali bombings and for the Aug. 5 blast at Jakarta's Marriott Hotel that killed 12.

No resistance

A source at the Thai military's Supreme Command security operations center said Hambali and his wife were arrested "without any resistance" with the knowledge of the US Central Intelligence Agency.

US officials said Hambali, believed to be operations chief of the JI and the only non-Arab to sit in al-Qaida's military committee, was being interrogated. They would not say where.

Citing an unidentified security source, Thailand's The Nation newspaper reported that Hambali had been arrested with explosives and confessed to planning an attack in Bangkok in October during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit of leaders including US President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

But the Thai general said no weapons or explosive devices were found when Hambali was captured.

When, not if

In Kuala Lumpur, a Malaysian former landlord of Hambali's said his arrest was a matter of when, not if.

Mior Mohd Yuhana Hamidun, who rented shacks to Hambali and his associates in a small town west of Kuala Lumpur during the 1990s, was not surprised by his capture.

Told of the arrest, Mior responded with a Malay proverb: "*Sepandai tupai melompat, akhirnya jatuh ke tanah* (However good a squirrel is at jumping, it will eventually fall to the ground)."

"He was a quiet man ... He would sometimes bring foreigners who looked like Arabs or Africans," Mior told Reuters in a phone interview from Sungai Manggis. "He said they were students but when I told them my name, they didn't introduce themselves."

Mior, who spent two months in jail last year being interrogated by police, recalled prayer sessions with his tenant.

He said the others in the sessions included Abu Bakar Bashir, a preacher accused of being spiritual leader of the JI and Imam Samudra, who is suspected of having been ground commander for the Bali bombings.

"They would preach about jihad (holy struggle) a little bit, but most of it was about being loyal to God and His prophet. But the majority of them don't like our government," Mior said.

Spanish passport

Hambali, the son of peasant farmers on the main Indonesian island of Java, crossed into Thailand last week from Laos using a fake Spanish passport, the Thai general said.

"He entered Thailand via Chiang Khong checkpoint on Monday last week and we tracked him down and arrested him at an apartment in Ayutthaya [the next day]," the general said. "He was not wearing a beard and he had had plastic surgery. He used a Spanish passport with a long, confusing Spanish name."

Bush was told of the capture on Wednesday while on vacation at his Texas ranch.

"He's a known killer. Hambali was one of the world's most lethal terrorists. He is no longer a problem," Bush told US troops Thursday in San Diego, California.

Hambali, with age variously given as 36 and about 40, is believed to have been present at planning meetings for the attacks on New York and Washington on Sept. 11, 2001.

He had been on the run since at least 2000. He was hunted in Thailand last year and is believed to have given the go-ahead for the Bali bombings at a meeting in Bangkok. There were also sightings of him in neighboring Cambodia, but he managed to stay one step ahead of the law.

His arrest follows two antiterrorism laws enforced by the Thai government by decree on Monday. Civil rights representatives and opposition politicians have objected to the decrees, saying the law should have been approved by Parliament. *Reports from Inquirer wires*

Erap slay plot trying to divide opposition

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mented. "So somebody is trying to exacerbate the fissures in the ranks of the opposition. It is an attempt to drive a wedge among our ranks," he stressed.

Thus, he pointed out that the opposition in the Senate could not be blamed for the alleged sins of its members.

"We have different views of doing things. The Senate is not a monolithic body, we are only united in the Senate, we are not united as one opposition."

He added: "All of us (oppositionists) are necessarily one in the Senate."

But we are not one outside the Upper House, so "we are not responsible" for the personal deeds and acts of opposition senators.

Pimentel was the first one to call attention to the fissures dividing the opposition camp after Sen. Edgardo Angara urged businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco to run for President.

Good story line

A chuckling Estrada said the INQUIRER story that turned Maligalig and Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes into heroes of Edsa II would only enrich the political plans of the two officials in the 2004 elections.

"That is a good story line for a movie starring Maligalig and Reyes," said Estrada, a popular actor before he joined politics.

Why now?

In a telephone interview, Estrada said that at the time of the supposed plot, it was actually Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo who issued a "shoot to kill order" against Estrada.

"But why pin the blame on Gringo? Why are they releasing these reports only now?" he said, noting that Maligalig made the revelation at a time when the government was hard at work linking Estrada and Honasan to the failed July 27 coup.

"*Malabo yun* (That doesn't make sense)," he said of the likelihood that Honasan would even hatch a plan to kill him.

"He had no reason to kill me," he said of Honasan. He said he was a godfather to Honasan's daughter, who is now 13 years old.

But when asked yesterday whether Honasan had called him, he said he was still waiting for the senator's call.

Other senators

Magsaysay called on Honasan to end the cycle of speculation his going into hiding had started.

"As long as he doesn't come out, the public and the media would continue to speculate and it will be more difficult for him later on to extricate himself from any speculation and third-party statements like (the) one of Maligalig," Magsaysay said. "So the sooner he comes forward and comes into the open I think, personally, the better for him and the country."

He said the Maligalig revelation "puts Honasan in a very peculiar situation, because he was supposed to be with the minority which was headed by Estrada, after the January 2001 change of government," he said.

Opposition Sen. Rodolfo Biazon said that his only conclusion after reading the INQUIRER report on Maligalig's accusation against Honasan was that the "Reform the Armed Forces Movement (RAM) was not like the RAM before. They (RAM members) have gone their separate ways."

Biazon said he didn't like to say anything more about Maligalig's accusation but he believed these were serious allegations and should be properly investigated.

But Biazon said Congress should not conduct the investigation itself but the police and the National Bureau of Investigation.

Sen. Robert Barbers said he was surprised about the allegations of Maligalig as he noted that the latter and Honasan were friends.

"And all of a sudden, he (Maligalig) came out with that," said Barbers. ***With a report from Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

Berroya claims Honasan suggested killing Macapagal

By Tonette Orejas
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CAMP OLIVAS, Pampanga—Sen. Gregorio Honasan not only plotted to assassinate former President Joseph Estrada but also suggested killing his constitutional successor, then Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Chief Supt. Reynaldo Berroya told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Berroya, former intelligence chief and now director of the Philippine National Police civil security group, said Honasan made the suggestion in one of the meetings of the Rebolusyonaryong Alyansang Makabansa (RAM) before the start of the impeachment trial of Estrada in the Senate in 2000.

"*Kulang ang account ni Maligalig* (Maligalig's account was incomplete)," Berroya said, referring to RAM spokesperson Proceso Maligalig's allegations against Honasan.

Berroya said he revealed Honasan's plan to Ms Macapagal.

He said Maligalig was not in the core group which consisted of retired colonel and now Customs Collector Billy Bibit and Chief Supt. Eduardo Matillano, now chief of Criminal Investigation and Detection Group in Camp Crame.

Berroya said he and Bibit, who participated in the 1986 coup attempt against former President Corazon Aquino, linked up with the RAM during the waning months of the Estrada administration to try to find ways to help end the crisis.

"We were obliged to sit with the RAM. We had a common ground. We agreed that the ouster of Estrada was the only solution," Berroya said, adding the move was "all for the country."

"When Honasan told us about the assassination plot against Erap, the core group refused. *Tapos gusto niyang patayin si Gloria. Nag*-break away *na kami*," Berroya recalled.

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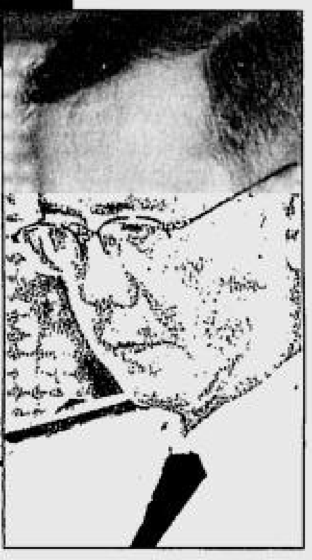
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Shattered dreams: RAMboys desert Gringo

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Because Pimentel and Davide had endeared themselves to the people, Lucas said, Honasan was worried about their "ambition to be the head of the country."

"I didn't know about it but when there was an exchange of words, and then Honasan asked who was guarding Pimentel, Davide and Gloria, that's when I realized with a start what was going through his head," Lucas said in Filipino.

Driving Erap

At another meeting in December 2000, Matillano said that Honasan had boasted to him, Bibit and Chief Supt. Reynaldo Berroya that he had become so close to Estrada that the senator even drove Estrada during his "nocturnal activities when he visited his girlfriends."

"I can't forget that meeting when he said that to us—me, Billy and Berroya," Matillano said.

"He had been saying then, 'You know, be close to your friend but be closer to your enemy so that when the time comes, you can stab him in the back,'" Matillano recalled.

"So when are you going to stab the son of a bitch?" he said he asked Honasan. "When the right time comes," Honasan allegedly answered.

Gringo reaction

Initially, when the INQUIRER tried to reach Honasan, a member of his Senate staff said they had no way of reaching the senator. Ever since the Oakwood mutiny, the staff member said, it was the senator who would contact them.

The staff member said there was also no chance that Honasan would answer interview questions on his mobile phone. "The list is so long, you have to get in line, after the international press," this reporter was told.

Honasan's first media interview after he said he was not in hiding but merely "inaccessible" was with CNN.

Yesterday, Honasan surfaced to answer questions on a radio program hosted by oppositionist Ernesto Maceda. The senator denied Maligalig's accusations and blamed Malacañang for the new charges.

"These people who are speaking ... they do not even represent the leadership of the RAM now." He said that Maligalig was no longer with the leadership of the RAM, following an executive committee meeting last February.

"This is the start of the unleashing of the attack dogs by the administration because these people are enjoying positions in the present government," Honasan said.

'Toy soldier'

Unknown to many, most of the officers and men who joined Honasan in the coup attempts between 1986 and 1989 have already deserted him. The once proud RAM headquarters in Makati is now a symbol of a shattered dream.

RAM members say that Honasan has remained a toy soldier, one who has perfected the art of "*tago nang tago* (always hiding)."

Of the original RAM members, only Navy Capt. Felix Turingan and Col. Jake Malajacan have remained close to Honasan. The three are the so-called hawks in the RAM hierarchy.

But Maligalig, Matillano and Lucas were joined by Robles, former Maj. Abraham Purugganan, and Col. Danny Lim, new chief of the Scout Rangers, in painting an unflattering portrait of Honasan and the current state of RAM.

Wise Robles

Maligalig described Robles as the "wisest among the RAMboys."

Now a member of the Feliciano Commission probing the Oakwood mutiny, Robles said he had always been against prolonging the life of RAM.

Before Edsa I, Robles said he was approached by Honasan and other RAM leaders, urging him to join the plot against the dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

Before he consented, Robles recalled, he raised his concerns. "I asked them, what is the purpose?" he said in Filipino. "To remove Marcos. What happens when Marcos is deposed? Greg (Honasan) said, Then we become irrelevant. So that is the purpose of RAM, to be irrelevant. How do you become irrelevant? By getting rid of Marcos."

Robles returned to the Navy in 1986 and resigned from RAM in the same year.

Every time he sees his former comrades on television fighting over issues, including funds, Robles said he cannot help but sigh.

"Don't they look ugly? They appear malnourished, fat, physically unfit, looking like drunkards."

He recalled efforts to reunite the original RAM leaders two months ago but said he did not want to be a part of it anymore.

Robles said Honasan would remain in hiding until the time was ripe—in terms of media impact, that is.

"*Hindi pa siya bumababa sa* banner (of newspapers) (he's still headline news)," Robles explained, then adding in Filipino and English: "Isn't it that after the banner, the story slides down to below the fold, with picture? Then below the fold but without a picture? When the news is in the inside pages, that's when he'll come out. "The return of Honasan!" Headlines once again. He plays to the media. Remember what happened before when he went into hiding? He became more and more famous. He knows that."

Promising Purugganan

Purugganan had a promising career when he agreed to join Honasan in the August 1987 coup and when he led the Scout Rangers' takeover of parts of Makati in December 1989. He was the youngest major at that time.

Captured by government forces two years later, he was imprisoned for two years. He applied for amnesty in 1994 and left the service for good. Now Malacañang's undersecretary for special concerns, Purugganan was asked by Ambassador Roy Cimatu to be a part of the negotiating team to meet with the Oakwood mutineers.

When he was out of the military, Purugganan said Honasan never helped him or any of his men who had taken part in the 1989 attempt. He said that every time he went to Honasan's office at the Senate, the senator would make him wait from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. before seeing him.

"So how can you support Honasan now?" Purugganan asked. "In the first place, he has forgotten those who fought with him."

"You know, Honasan failed on two counts as a leader. One, he failed to look into the welfare of his people. Second, he failed in the aspect of accomplishing the mission," Purugganan said.

He recalled that in almost all previous undertakings of the original RAM, then known as the Reform the Armed Forces Movement, Honasan was never with the group.

"*Pagdating ng hulihan o kaya ano, tago siya ng tago* (when it came to facing arrest or the like, he would always go into hiding)," Purugganan said. "We faced the consequences of our actions. He could not. Look at him. He's a senator. He cannot even face the music. People are tired of him."

He said Honasan isolated himself from the RAM-Young Officers' Union as soon as he became a senator.

"He's a fake. He's out of the loop. He talked about country and people, but Honasan is for Honasan," Purugganan said.

"He manipulates people. How many lives were destroyed in 1989? Many, but he never experienced those hardships," he said.

He chided Honasan's continuing "inaccessibility."

"Why is he afraid of being arrested, when the little people are not?" he asked in Filipino.

Vivid Maligalig

Maligalig used a vivid street term to describe Honasan: "*utak-pulbura* (gunpowder-head)."

To Honasan, Maligalig said, the only way to do things was through a shortcut.

As early as the first few months of Honasan's first term as senator, the cracks in RAM began to appear. (He was first elected in 1995. He was reelected in 2001, but to a three-year term.)

It was the RAMboys' understanding that Honasan's Senate seat was a RAM seat.

Maligalig said everyone in RAM went all out to campaign for Honasan. But midway through Honasan's first term, RAM leaders received reports quoting Honasan as saying that the organization had not really helped him during the election.

"It was so unkind. In fact, we were shocked," he said.

In one of RAM's executive committee meetings, Honasan was again confronted with the issue. According to Maligalig, the senator said the following: "You tell me that I am your leader but you don't follow me. I never wanted to be a senator. Now that I'm senator, I see things from a better perspective. So why are you doing this to me?"

Interrupted Lim

Capt. Danny Lim, then spokesperson of RAM-Young Officers Union (YOU), was commanding a unit in the Scout Rangers when he joined Turingan in the Makati battle in 1989.

A West Point graduate, Lim was arrested after the rebellion and jailed from 1989 to 1992 in four military detention centers.

Many thought Lim was an administrative officer in Honasan's Senate office, but the latter insisted that he was just helping out as a friend.

"I just visited him then. I was never a part of his Senate staff," Lim told the INQUIRER.

But like the others, Lim left Honasan, and went back to the military to continue his interrupted career.

"I worked hard," he said in Filipino. I thought I can do more inside than outside."

Lim is now the commanding officer of the Scout Rangers Regiment, the very same regiment whose men he brought to Makati during the 1989 coup attempt.

Lim did not want to say whether Honasan was involved in the Oakwood mutiny. But he did not like the idea of Honasan running away from a good fight. "*Ayaw ko na sanang magsalita dahil dati ko yang kasama, pero hindi siya dapat tumakas* (I don't want to talk, but he shouldn't flee)," he said. ***With a report from Christine Avendaño***

(Conclusion: RAMboys' assessment of the Oakwood Mutiny)

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FVR daughter goes under the knife a 3rd time

CAROLINA Ramos-Sembrano

By Margaux Ortiz

A MONTH after a delivery van hit her in Parañaque City, Carolina Ramos-Sembrano, a daughter of former president Fidel Ramos, is still in the hospital.

A close friend of the Ramos family yesterday told the INQUIRER that Sembrano, or "Chula," 45, of Ayala-Alabang, Muntinlupa, has regained consciousness but still could not speak.

"She just nods her head or moves her hand when she wants to tell us something," the man, who asked not to be identified, said.

He added that the side of Sembrano's brain which enables speech had been damaged.

Sembrano, who has already undergone two operations at the Asian Hospital, is scheduled to undergo yet another operation, the close family friend disclosed.

Sembrano is the third of five daughters of Fidel and Amelita Ramos.

She is married to businessman and retired police officer Alex Sembrano.

The source said that unlike her sister Cristy, a sportswoman, and Jo, a musician, Sembrano was "quiet like her mother Amelita."

"She lives a very low-profile life," the source added.

Sembrano had just left the Bacolod Chicken Inasal restaurant on President's Avenue, Parañaque City, and was crossing the street to her waiting car when an Isuzu Elf hit her at about 10 p.m. on July 17.

Traffic authorities, who were at the scene said it was a clear case of "hit-and-run," because the driver, Romeo Cruz, 34, of Bayanang Bayan, Taguig, fled after hitting Sembrano.

Bystanders took her to the Parañaque Medical Center. She spent several days in a coma before regaining consciousness.

Sembrano was later transferred to the Asian Hospital in Muntinlupa.

The driver has been charged with reckless imprudence resulting in serious physical injuries before Branch 78 of the Parañaque Regional Trial Court.

Cruz, who has posted bail, is set to be arraigned on Sept. 15.

Water consumers slam closed-door Maynilad hearings

By Christine Gaylican and Tina Santos

CIVIL society groups and party-list representatives have filed a petition before a Quezon City court to open to the public the arbitration hearings that would settle the termination case dispute between Maynilad Water Services Inc. and the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System.

Officials of Maynilad Water and the government regulatory body have been blaming each other for the failure of the water concession in the west zone of Metro Manila.

The arbitration hearings, which are meant to resolve the issue, are being held behind closed doors.

The International Arbitration Panel, chaired by a representative of the International Chamber of Commerce, has barred the public from the proceedings.

This led members of Bantay Tubig and party-list representatives Emmanuel Villanueva (CIBAC Party-list) and Mario Aguja (Akbayan) to file a petition mandamus before the QC Regional Trial Court.

In a statement, Bantay Tubig said the water concessionaire should allow observers to view the proceedings "in the interest of transparency and public participation."

"Maynilad customers and the tax-paying public should be informed of the arbitration proceedings because, whatever the outcome, (it would be the people who) would be footing the bill," Bantay Tubig spokersperson Jude Esguerra said in a press briefing yesterday.

Esguerra noted that in the event of Maynilad's victory, "the MWSS (would have to dip in) the national coffers to shell out some P19 billion as compensation for the services Maynilad rendered over the last five years."

He said that civil society groups have resorted to this legal class suit because, for the last two years, Maynilad has allegedly refused to listen to their grievances regarding the water utility's "dismal services."

"We have no choice but to bring this to our local courts that have jurisdiction over this matter of great public interest," Esguerra said.

Bantay Tubig is comprised of Akbayan Party-List, the Alliance of Progressive Labor, Citizens Battle Against Corruption, Focus on the Global South, Freedom from Debt Coalition, Institute for Popular Democracy and Tambuyog Development Center.

Man dies in freak accident near Ayala tunnel

A MAN was charred beyond recognition early yesterday morning in Makati City after a dump truck crashed into his car which resulted in an explosion.

According to initial investigation, victim Arnold Balawang was heading south on Edsa with his three friends when his front left tire exploded at around 4 a.m.

Balawang, who was around 35 years old, then parked his car on the left innermost lane of Edsa, a few meters away from the Ayala Tunnel, police said.

MEMBERS of a fire and rescue team sift through the burned out shells of a truck and a sedan, trying to retrieve the remains of Arnold Balawang, pinned between the two smoldering vehicles on the southbound lane of Edsa.
RANDY HORMILLOSA

After changing the busted tire, Balawang returned the tools to the car's rear compartment, according to PO1 Normandy Mapile of the Makati Traffic Enforcement Group.

While Balawang was sorting the tools at the rear end, an Isuzu dump truck driven by Juanito de Jesus, of Barangay Sibol, San Miguel, Bulacan, hit the car, pinning Balawang, police said.

The sudden impact caused Balawang's dark blue Opel Manta to explode. Mapile said Balawang burned to death.

Nothing was left of the victim but his hair, he added.

The investigator added that they found skid marks a few meters away from the gutted vehicle, indicating that the truck driver stepped on the brakes "a little too late."

He noted that the site of the accident was a dark area.

The truck also sideswiped a Daewoo car when it rammed the Balawang's Manta, police said.

The victim's two other companions, Peter Ruiz and Allan Villa were also seriously hurt in the explosion and were taken to the Makati Medical Center by a fourth companion, Warren Garcia. Police said Garcia was not harmed because he was directing traffic away from Balawang's vehicle. *Margaux Ortiz*

WPD increases security measures for mutineers

By Leila Salaverria

THE WESTERN Police District (WPD) has begun setting up security measures for six rebel soldiers who are scheduled to appear before the Court of Appeals next week.

The six men—Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes IV, Lt. (s.g.) James Layug, Capt. Gary Alejano, Capt. Nicanor Faeldon, Capt. Gerardo Gambala and Capt. Milo Maestrecampo—will be presented before the CA in answer to the habeas corpus petition earlier filed by their lawyers.

The lawyers have also asked the CA that the presentation of the six be done in Camp Aguinaldo, where the soldiers are detained, so that the justices could see for themselves the living conditions of the soldiers.

WPD spokesperson Chief Insp. Gerry Agunod said the Manila police would secure the perimeter of the CA office and the route that the rebel soldiers and their custodians would take.

To ensure the safety of the accused officers, he said the WPD would also deploy members of the Special Weapons and Tactics unit, Explosives and Ordnance Division, Civil Disturbance Management Group and the mobile patrol.

WPD Station 5 lawmen, members of police intelligence, as well as personnel from other stations in Manila, would also augment the security forces deployed.

"We have a contingency plan in case there is trouble," the WPD spokesperson said.

The six soldiers all figured in the July 27 incident where over 200 soldiers took over the Oakwood Premier Hotel in what authorities described as a failed coup. The rebels have since been slapped with rebellion charges.

4 hurt in QC restaurant explosion

By Tina Santos

FOUR people were hurt when unidentified men threw a pillbox at diners of a Quezon City restaurant Thursday evening.

Victims Paul Abella, 47, of Sto. Domingo, Barangay Holy Spirit; Luis Reyes, 20, of Sta. Maria Street, Barangay Holy Spirit; restaurant cook Rodel Bautista, 27, of Capitol Hills; and teacher Herminia Torres, 35, of Area 9 Macaspac Compound, Luzon Avenue, Balara, all sustained burns, cuts and bruises, police said. The victims were taken to the Malvar General Hospital for treatment.

Police said that at 8:10 p.m., an explosion rocked Jacob Grill's Restaurant in front of the Ever Gotesco Mall in Commonwealth, Batasan Hills.

Witnesses told police that they saw some men loitering in the area. One of the men then threw what appeared to be a rock inside the restaurant and ran away, quickly followed by the other men. The explosion came moments later, police said.

Another witness claimed that a few nights ago, some of the restaurant waiters figured in an argument with a group of drunken costumers.

An investigator also said that they are not ruling out the possibility that the pillbox attack could be the handiwork of street gangs.

In Caloocan, ex-addicts turn into crimefighters

By Edson Tandoc Jr.

THEY used to abuse drugs. Now, they're in the fight against drugs.

Former drug dependents, who have surrendered to authorities, are now helping police and barangay officials in bringing down the illegal drugs trade. These volunteers are called "drug warriors." They supply information to barangay watchmen and local policemen to locate suspected drug offenders in their areas.

Mostly youngsters, the drug warriors have boosted the anti-drug campaigns of at least two cities—Caloocan City and Malabon City.

In Caloocan City, more than 14 teenagers, most of whom were former drug users, have been operating in Barangay 18 as drug warriors, Caloocan City Police Anti-Illegal Drugs Task Force chief Cesar Cruz told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Most of the warriors had surrendered during clearing operations conducted in their barangay.

In two days, more than 50 suspects in Barangay 18 surrendered to authorities.

Cruz said that the warriors are a big help to the city's anti-drug drive because the youngsters know the areas better than policemen.

In Barangay Potrero, Malabon, about six drug warriors have been deployed to help authorities in the war against drugs, NPD Police Community Relations Division chief Isaias Antonio told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Potrero is the one of the biggest barangay units in Malabon City, representing about 20 percent of the city's land area.

The warriors would relay information about drug offenders to their barangay officials, who then would follow up the leads, Antonio said.

The barangay officials, in coordination with the city police, would then visit the house of the suspected drug offender to convince the suspect to surrender. If the suspect refuses to give up, he would be asked to leave the community, or risk arrest.

The same process has been done in clearing operations in Barangay 18.

Police and barangay officials, armed with a watch list, visited each house in the barangay last month and warned suspects to surrender or face arrest.

Barangay 18 was the first barangay in Caloocan where clearing operations were conducted.

Those who did not volunteer or qualify as drug warriors but surrendered to barangay officials were placed under an informal rehabilitation program.

They are required to do community service, like cleaning streets and unclogging creeks, and are being monitored closely by barangay officials.

Young, alone, dead

By Leila Salaverria

YOUNG, alone and murdered. This was the tragic fate of 18-year-old Avelyn M. Sumalka, a resident of Miliguas Street, 10th Avenue, Caloocan City.

She was found strangled inside the Omice Lodging House on Rizal Avenue, Manila on Thursday.

P01 Rommel del Rosario said Sumalka bore a welt mark on her neck, while her face was covered with a pillow when her body was found in Room A-5.

He added that the victim was wearing only a white polo shirt. Her body had been covered with a white blanket.

Police said roomboy Alvin Ballestra found Sumalka's body at 11:45 a.m.

He then informed other motel employees of his discovery and called up the police.

Lawmen who searched the room found a brown handbag with cosmetics, a blue wallet, an SSS certificate and the victim's biodata.

Del Rosario said Sumalka had checked in at the motel at 11:20 p.m. Wednesday with an unidentified man whom motel employees described as fair-skinned and chubby.

Sumalka's body was taken to the Popular Funeral Parlor. As of yesterday morning, no one had come to claim the woman's body

Parents seek help for ailing son

THE PARENTS of Karl Louis G. Villanueva are appealing for help for their son who has been diagnosed with a rare liver disease.

The disease, called Biliary Atresia, slowly destroys the liver due to the buildup of bile, a fluid essential in the digestion process. A person afflicted with this disease does not have bile ducts, thus the buildup of bile in the organ.

The Villanueva couple said that Karl, 2 years and 8 months old, needs a liver transplant for him to live.

They said Karl underwent a "Kasai" procedure in January 2001 at the UP-PGH Medical Center. He was discharged on Feb. 18, 2001, but was readmitted three days later with signs of intestinal obstruction. He was operated on for the second time on Feb. 21, 2001.

He left the hospital 10 days after, but has been in and out of the hospital due to diarrhea and cholangitis. These admissions necessitated albumin transfusions.

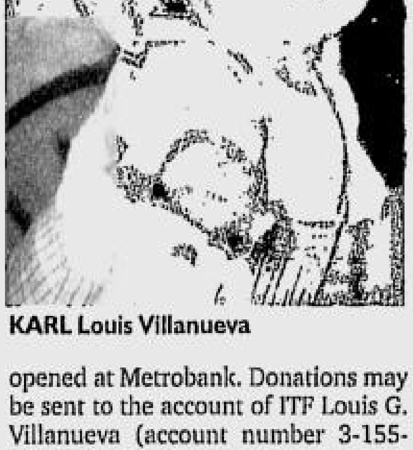
The couple said their resources had been exhausted by Karl's frequent hospitalization, laboratory tests and expensive medicines needed to maintain his health.

The cost of a liver transplant in US is P8 million, Australia P5 million, Taiwan P3 million and, hopefully in the Philippines, P2.5 million.

Ceasar and Benilda are appealing for help to raise the amount and enable Karl to undergo a liver transplant.

They can be contacted at 90 Cuatro de Julio Street, Galas, Quezon City; telephone number 780-9833; cellular phone numbers (0917) 668-5228 and (0916) 334-7331.

A trust fund has already been opened at Metrobank. Donations may be sent to the account of ITF Louis G. Villanueva (account number 3-155-15730-6: Buendia branch).


KARL Louis Villanueva

Driver of Elf 300 van runs over lawman in Marikina

By Luige del Puerto

WHOEVER owns the Elf 300 van with plate number WRU 623 is in big trouble.

The police are tracing the owner or driver behind the wheel of the van for allegedly hitting a lawman at dawn Friday in Marikina City.

And instead of helping P01 Efren Andor of Police Precinct 8 in Barangay Marikina Heights, the driver of the van sped away.

According to SP02 Oscar Angeles, Precinct 8 chief, Andor was on his way to a convenience store on Bayan-Bayanan Avenue corner Gen. Ordonez Street to buy something when the van hit him.

Andor had just come from duty, Angeles said.

The precinct chief said Andor, who suffered serious injuries, was taken to the Amang Rodriguez Hospital.

"He is OK, but we urged him to undergo a CT scan just to be sure," Angeles said.

Burglars strike by day

By Luige del Puerto

IN MARIKINA, robbers strike in broad daylight.

As a result, the police are urging village associations in the city to organize community crime watch groups.

Sr. Supt. Felipe Rojas, police chief, said he noticed that robbers usually struck between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., when residents were at work.

"Marikina is known as the bedroom of Metro Manila. Many houses here are unattended during working hours," Rojas said. "I urge residents not to leave their houses (unattended)."

If that is not possible, Rojas said neighbors should at least watch each other's backyards.

The police official said the thieves' modus operandi include ringing the bell or knocking on a house or even honking of horns.

If no one answers, then the house is cased and later robbed.

Last week, Rojas said thieves broke into two unattended houses in Barangay Sta. Elena and Barangay San Roque in broad daylight.

Car in ambush traced to LTO office

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE PLATE number of the vehicle used by the gunman in the ambush of Cecilia Ramos, a secretary of Caloocan City's Barangay Bureau, has been traced to Lipa City, Batangas.

Insp. Castor Olaguer, deputy for operations of the Western Police District Anti-Carnapping unit, said it was not easy tracing the SAF 808 plate number of the dark-colored wagon type vehicle used in the crime.

Olaguer explained that plate numbers beginning with "S" were "security plates" and were confidential. He added such plates could only be manually verified.

He added that the plate number had been traced to an employee of the Region 4 office of the Land Transportation Office.

LET US PLAY

Children from Metro Manila urge senators to pass the Anti-Child Labor Bill during a Senate session at the Executive House. JOE ARAZAS

Trillanes' mom part of military graft

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

FOR a supposedly brilliant man, mutiny leader Navy Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes IV doesn't know the meaning of the word "spontaneous."

"The Oakwood incident was a spontaneous display of our grievances; we express (sic) our message directly to the people," Trillanes told the Feliciano Commission which is looking into the causes that led to the July 27 mutiny.

Webster's Dictionary defines "spontaneous" as "acting in accordance with or resulting from natural feeling, temperament, or disposition... without constraint or premeditation."

In short, a spontaneous action is done at the spur of the moment.

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Spur of the moment it was not. The mutiny was deliberate and planned.

The mutineers had checked in at the Oakwood premier apartments days before. They planned to make a stand at Oakwood after their plans to stage a coup d'etat was foiled by military intelligence.

A bright high school student would not have used the word "spontaneous" to describe a deliberate, planned action.

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For a graduate of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) where students learn to be officers and gentlemen (or ladies), Trillanes is disrespectful of his commander in chief who is a lady.

"She berated me the whole time. She never gave me a chance... She kept yakking and yakking," the 32-year-old Navy officer described his meeting with President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"I think everybody knows how arrogant our President is," Trillanes said. "Everybody can visualize it."

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He calls the President arrogant, but what does he think he is?

I'm sure his fellow PMAers had goose pimples listening to him talk.

The guy not only doesn't have manners, which is taught at the premier military institution, he also has no breeding. Quite surprising for the son of a retired Navy captain (equivalent to colonel in the Army) who was himself a product of the PMA.

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Trillanes complains of corruption in the military. He should know. His mother knows the "ins" and "outs" of supplying items to the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

Virginia Trillanes accumulated wealth cornering some contracts supplying equipment to the military, according to her fellow dealer.

In other words, Ms Trillanes is part of the corruption because she took part in irregular procurements in the AFP.

"She's one of us," said the dealer who smiled impishly.

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That figures why the younger Trillanes could afford to buy many luxury cars and a big motorcycle. The mother has showered him with all creature comforts.

The family became rich because the mother is part of the shenanigans in supplying equipment to the Armed Forces, my source intimated.

I wonder whether Trillanes' fellow mutineers know about his mother's occupation?

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One of the mutineers complained that soldiers in the field were issued low-quality combat boots.

He's right. Combat boots issued to field soldiers didn't last a few days of constant wear and tear.

But who sold the AFP those substandard boots? Suppliers and dealers the likes of Ms Trillanes.

Corruption in the procurement of military equipment results in low-quality equipment. Dealers give huge bribes to military officers in charge of procurements. To make a profit after subtracting the bribes to the procurement officers, dealers and suppliers had to look for substandard items to supply the military.

So, to Lt. Senior Grade Trillanes on corruption in the military: Look, who's talking !

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The more those boy officers (they don't act like men) open their mouths, the more they get stuck deep in the mud of public judgment.

Their arrogance, particularly Trillanes', has turned off many citizens who at first sympathized with their supposed grievances.

The mutineers have been exposed for the lies and childish tantrums, thanks to the power of television.

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A lot of thanks goes to senators and members of the Feliciano Commission who laid the trap for the mutineers with their seemingly harmless but catching questions.

For example, Sen. Noli de Castro asked Trillanes why the cars that his mother supposedly bought for the family's rent-a-car business were all in his name.

The young officer's reply was that his "mother might be incriminated but it's in relation to a loan she got late 2000."

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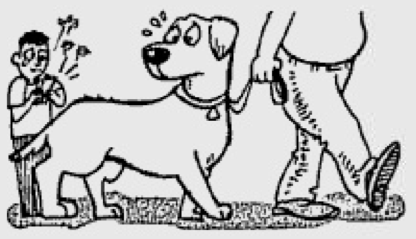
So, what was incriminating about a loan?

And why would his mother have the cars used in the family business all in the lieutenant's name?

Because, the lieutenant said, if his mother defaulted in the payment of the loans used in buying the cars, the cars would not be taken away.

Ah, so, the mother was making use of her son's position in the military to scare off debt collectors!

***Mas lalong matatakot nang singilin si* Mrs. Trillanes *ng mga* debt collectors after the son took part in a mutiny.**



Too poor, man sells pet, is jailed

By Tina Santos

TOO POOR to feed "his dog," a 39-year-old tricycle driver was forced to sell the pet.

The problem was, the dog, a Golden Retriever named Mujari, wasn't his.

Thus John Raso, of Sitio Roque I, Barangay Pasong Tamo, Quezon City, landed in jail after the dog's owner, Michael Pile filed estafa charges against him.

Pile, Raso's brother-in-law of Road 3, Barangay Pag-asa, Quezon City, told the police that the dog, which could easily be sold for P25,000, was sold by Raso for only P1,000.

The police said Pile had entrusted Mujari to Raso because he was too busy attending to his business. Pile claimed he regularly supplied the dog with food.

But Raso claimed that Pile did not send him money nor dog food for more than a month. This prompted him to sell the dog rather than let it starve.

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MM mayors vs urinals, says Atienza

By Tarra Quismundo

FOR MANILA Mayor Joselito Atienza, they are no different from the barrel man, the novelty souvenir whose "manhood" pops up once the barrel is lifted.

Atienza was referring to the urinals being set up by the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) along thoroughfares in the metropolis.

"See, women look at them as they urinate," said the Manila chief executive, referring to a photo of a man using an MMDA urinal on a sidewalk.

"All the mayors are really agitated. Just imagine how the streets would smell like because of those urinals," said Atienza, president of the Metro Manila Mayor's League.

He said he had received calls from many of Metro Manila's mayors regarding the urinals.

"I can't appreciate this program. We were not consulted (by the MMDA) about them. But even if they did, we would not allow it," Atienza said, calling urinating on the street a "barbaric act."

Urinating in public is illegal in Manila, where 4,000 persons have been arrested over the last three years for relieving themselves along city streets.

"The best remedy is discipline," Atienza stressed, noting that "not a single woman has been caught urinating in the street."

The mayor said that there were public toilets all over Metro Manila that people could use. He added that others could use toilets in fastfood chains, restaurants, and gasoline stations.

Sought for comment, Parañaque Mayor Joey Marquez, however, said he was in favor of the urinals.

And so was Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay, who according to his spokesperson Lito Anzures was only concerned about its design, where the urine would go and why women were not provided their own.

Navotas Mayor Toby Tiangco said it was better to erect urinals than people peeing on walls. He however said these should be properly located.

For his part, Pasay City Mayor Peewee Trinidad said he still had to consult his constituents about it.

Mayor Renaldo Malonzo of Caloocan said he agreed with Atienza that peeing on the street should not be encouraged.

The other mayors were not available for comment. *With Margaux Ortiz, Luige del Puerto and Edson Tandoc Jr.*

METROBRIEFS

Bomb threat

A BOMB threat sent dozens of employees of the Quezon City Hall of Justice to rush out of the building yesterday at about 7:30 a.m. The police however did not find any bombs and employees were allowed to get back to work. *Tina Santos*

Hitchhiker run over

IT WAS no sweet end for a hitchhiker who fell off a truck carrying sacks of sugar and was ran over by the vehicle at 10:30 p.m. Thursday. The police said the unidentified man jumped on the back of the truck (PXT 463) with two companions as it passed the corner of Lacson and P. Florentino streets, Manila. However, the man lost his balance and fell. *Leila B. Salaverria*

Mayor sued

BARANGAY chair Lydia Montebon of Barangay 679, Zone 74 of District 5 in Manila has sued Manila Mayor Lito Atienza in an effort to get her job back. The Manila Barangay Bureau placed her on a 60-day preventive suspension on July 4 for alleged grave misconduct in relation to alleged illegal collection of money from sidewalk vendors. Montebon is seeking the reversal of the suspension, saying she was not able to attend the hearings on the complaint against her. *Tarra Quismundo*

RajYoga session

ON AUG. 17, Inner Space Manila will gather at the Manila Orchidarium at the Rizal Park on T.M. Kalaw for meditation. The place was chosen to accommodate more visitors and guests who will join them in the celebration of their second year. The activity will start at 4 p.m. Admission is free as part of the Brahma Kumaris service to the community.

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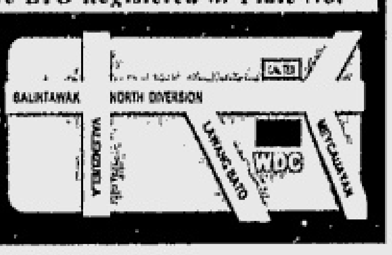

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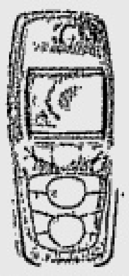

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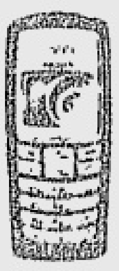

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Tigers seize first finals seat

TNT, acting coach fined P300,000 over farcical game vs Red Bull

By June Navarro

ANTIPOLO CITY—Rudy Hatfield preserved the heroics of Jeffrey Cariaso as the Coca-Cola Tigers mangled the FedEx Express, 91-83, to advance into the Finals of the Samsung-PBA Invitational Championship last night at the Ynares Center here.

Hatfield, the only active player among eight Fil-foreigners facing summary deportation ordered by the Senate, came up with a three-point play and plucked a key offensive rebound in the dying moments as the Tigers clinched another championship stint for the third straight conference.

Meanwhile, Talk N Text and acting coach Ariel Vanguardia were slapped a total fine of P300,000 by the PBA Commissioner's Office for creating a circus atmosphere and turning into mockery the final moments of the Talk N Text-Red Bull Barako game last Wednesday.

Commissioner Noli Eala slapped a P250,000 fine to the Phone Pals as team penalty while Vanguardia was assessed P50,000 including a five-game suspension to be served in the next conference.

Eala said the team was sanctioned for compromising the interest of the league while the penalty on Vanguardia, who is subbing for Joel Banal, was based on the principle of command responsibility and for the inimical statements he made after the game won by the Phone Pals, 88-87.

"The deliberate and calculated acts of Talk N Text violated normal game rules and made a mockery of the same, resulting in the interest of the public not being served and the credibility of the league being seriously compromised," said Eala.

"While we recognize that coaches and players play their games to achieve individual and team interests, such interests

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FG raises P24 million for RP bets

By Marc Anthony Reyes

TOP private and government corporations yesterday responded with a cash windfall of more than P24 million to the call of First Gentleman Mike Arroyo for funds to boost the buildup of the Philippine team to the Vietnam Southeast Asian Games this December.

The total amount raised during the unprecedented pledging session at Malacañang was P24,250,000, which the Philippine Sports Commission said will be used for the training and equipment of the 400 or so athletes competing in the games on Dec. 5-13.

"The government has given its share. But we still need the private sector to help push our collective dream of seeing more young Filipinos raise the Philippine flag in more international competitions," Arroyo said.

The PSC expects to spend P58 million more for the actual participation at the average estimate cost of P70,000 per athlete. The budget for this will come from the President's Social Fund.

San Miguel Corp. pitched in the biggest contribution of P10 million, which earned several rounds of applause from the 85 gold medal potentials from 17 sports, as well national sports association heads, who were present during the well-attended affair.

The other donors were International Container terminal Services Inc. (P3M), Ayala Group of Companies (P3M), PLDT (P3M), Aboitiz Group of Companies (P3M), Smart Communications (P500,000), Globe Telecoms (P500,000), Fortune Tobacco (P500,000), PNOC (P300,000), Petron (P100,000, GMA Network (P100,000), Johnny Borromeo (P100,000), PCSO (P50,000), Philippine Deposits Insurance Corp. (P50,000), and Philippine National Bank (P50,000).

Philippine Olympic Committee president Celso Dayrit said the donors will be given tax benefits and their respective contributions acknowledged in a television campaign being prepared by the First Gentleman Foundation to drum up support for the SEAG campaign.

COCA-COLA'S Rafi Reavis takes FedEx's Vergel Meneses out of play as Rudy Hatfield controls the rebound. AUGUST DE LA CRUZ

Tigers seize first finals seat

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must never be subjugated to the interest of the public which the league has sworn to hold as paramount above all," he added.

Cariaso sizzled all game long, going 11 of 19 from the field to finish with a game-high 34 points, just a point shy of his career high.

Hatfield backed him up with 23 points on top of seven rebounds.

Vergel Meneses exploded for 33 points as the "aerial voyager" engaged Cariaso in a shootout in the final half.

The Phone Pals actually escaped a heavier fine had Talk 'N Text governor Ricky Vargas failed to immediately admit the team's mistake.

Eala had earlier heard the sides of Vanguardia and assistant coach Virgil Villavicencio after an earlier meeting with players Asi Taulava, Jojo Manalo, Donbel Belano, Bong Ravena and Vic Pablo.

Manalo and Belano shot consecutive three-pointers at Red Bull's goal in the dying seconds in a bizarre effort to send the game into overtime where they had hoped to win the match with an eight-point winning margin and thus advance to the semifinals over their opponents.

After missing their three-pointers, Vanguardia deliberately committed two technical fouls to give Red Bull a chance to tie the game but Homer Se and Willie Miller, following instructions from coach Yeng Guiao, intentionally missed their free throws

"We cannot tolerate this unsportsmanlike gesture. Let this serve as a firm and strong reminder to all teams, coaches, players and officials of their responsibilities not only to the league and our partners but most of all to the public which has put the PBA where it is today," said Eala.

SCORES:

COCA-COLA 91—Cariaso 34, Hatfield 23, Julnio 16, Morano 11, Abarrientos 4, Wainwright 2, Reavis 1, Hugnatan 0, Bolado 0, Antonio 0.

FEDEX 83—Meneses 33, Yap 14, Billones 10, De Ocampo 6, Arboleda 6, Codinera 5, Ferriols 3, Rodriguez 2, Ejercito 2, Ortiguera 2, Ritualo 0.

Quarters: 17-19, 35-40, 65-57, 91-83.

To kill a mocking format

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

THE PBA rule says you cannot shoot in your opponent's goal.

But an accidental tip-in is allowed?

Apparently, yes.

But when is accidental accidental?

Hard to determine. Only the referee can say if a shot is an accidental tip-in or not. I have yet to see one ruled as not being accidental. And I've been covering the PBA since its birth in 1975.

There was a deliberate attempt to sink a shot in an opponent's goal on Wednesday. From afar yet. Twice. By Talk 'N Text.

Each time, though, TNT missed.

TNT went on to win the game but not in the manner it wanted done—by one point, 88-87.

Barako could have tied the game. But one of its players, Homer Se, intentionally missed a free throw to avoid sending the game to extra time.

Se did that after Ariel Vanguardia, the TNT coach, drew a technical for calling a timeout when TNT had no more timeout. Vanguardia did that on purpose.

Weird? Absurd even? TNT must be punished? Red Bull Barako, too?

Methinks no.

It went with the territory.

Were TNT's Jojo Manalo and Bong Ravena at fault when they fired their three-point shots?

Yes. The PBA rule says you cannot fire a basket at your opponent's goal with the intention of sinking that shot.

But like the soldiers of Trillanes in the Oakwood mutiny, Manalo and Ravena were merely following orders from their coach, Vanguardia.

Was Barako's Homer Se at fault when he deliberately missed his free throw?

No. He was merely following orders from his coach, Yeng Guiao.

Basketball, like military life, is mostly taking orders from your superiors. Players, like soldiers, can only obey and then complain.

If there's someone responsible for all the weirdness, absurdness, that happened on Wednesday, it can only be, like Trillanes, Commissioner Noli Eala.

Eala's format has bred all the weirdness, absurdness, on Wednesday night.

Why, because TNT needed an 8-point winning margin over Red Bull to make it to the next round. Its chance to achieve that could only come if it had succeeded in forging an overtime.

The technical that Vanguardia earned was geared toward that.

Had Se elected the foolish thing of sinking the technical free throw, Barako would have tied the game. The 5-minute overtime was TNT's only remaining chance to gain an 8-point winning margin.

Instead of penalizing TNT and Vanguardia, they must be commended for their creativity.

Parenthetical to that, even Eala ought to be given a pat on the back. His Jurassic format drew the best from guys like Vanguardia.

It was Eala who cooked up the format of breaking ties via the quotient system, an outdated formula that now properly belongs to the Jurassic Age.

But can anybody complain?

Yes, but after obeying.

The PBA commissioner is so powerful he can afford to wallow "in the mire," if not in a world of incredible logic.

TNT is now being pictured as having made a mockery of the PBA rules.

What mockery are we talking about here?

What was mocked was the Eala format.

Look, in the first conference, Eala was mocked for his format of penalizing the strong teams. In the ongoing second conference, Eala is being mocked for a format that gives teams the license to use the rules in the weirdest, most absurd manner. Add to that the fact that Eala brought in tourists masquerading as players.

The question now is, what's in store for us in the third conference? A format giving the champion the option to have Eala's head as the main prize?

Maybe, for the PBA to regain some measure of respect and dignity, the board of governors ought to give it a try.

Tams eye repeat vs Archers

GAMES TODAY (*Araneta Coliseum*)
11 a.m.—Adamson vs UP (Jrs)
2 p.m.—Adamson vs UP (Srs)
4 p.m.—La Salle vs FEU (Srs)

FRONTRUNNER Far Eastern eyes a repeat over La Salle as second round action starts today in the UAAP men's basketball championship at the Araneta Coliseum.

"La Salle is sharp and it will be much harder to beat the Archers a second time this season," said FEU mentor Koy Banal as he watched the Archers shot down the Adamson Falcons, 81-61, last Thursday at the Loyola Gym.

The La Salle-FEU clash is set at 4 p.m., after the other senior game between Adamson and skidding UP at 2 p.m. The lone junior encounter pits the Adamson Baby Falcons and the UP Preps at 11 a.m.

The Tamaraws recovered from a shaky start to nip the young Archers, 74-72, in the first round. But La Salle, champion in 1998 to 2001, is determined to even up matters.

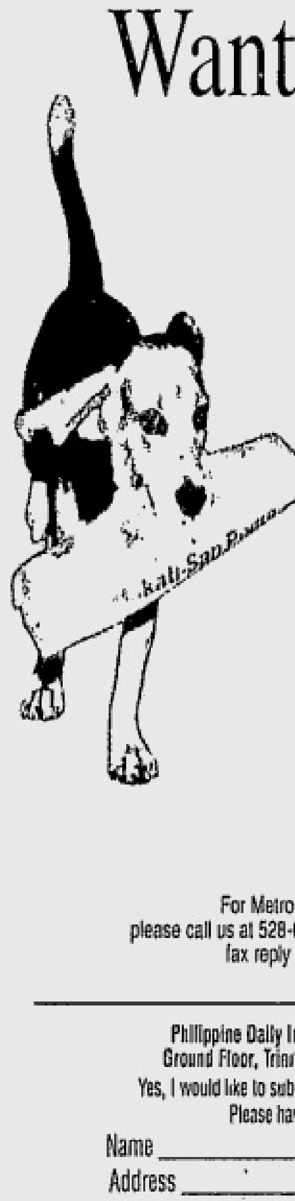
"What I have here is a bunch of overachieving guys," said La Salle mentor Franz Pumaren of the Archers. "Hopefully we can continue to overachieve. FEU is a very strong team and we have to stick to our game plan."

The return of temperamental slotman Carlo Sharma, after suffering from back spasms, should boost La Salle's bid. The Archers got battered in the boards the first time and Sharma, Manny Ramos, Mac Cardona and rookie Jerwin Gaco should now make life harder for FEU big men Gerard Jones, Mark Isip, Arwind Santos and Dom Yabut.

"The team needs to improve on its decision-making," noted Banal, adding that Dennis Miranda, despite an impressive pre-season, has yet to show his old form.

Meanwhile, Luigi Trillo has turned Adamson into a dangerous team as the battle for Final Four berths heats up. Trillo used main man Mark Abadia only sparingly for disciplinary reasons against La Salle and this should spur the Falcons to repeat over the Maroons.

Dennis U. Eroa



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Blazers down Altas; JRU up

GAMES MONDAY (*Rizal Coliseum*)
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1:15 p.m.—CSB vs SSC-R (Srs)
3:00 p.m.—SBC vs Letran (Jrs)
4:45 p.m.—SBC vs Letran (Srs)

By Dennis U. Eroa

NEWCOMER Louie Abad played like a battle-scarred campaigner as College of St. Benilde continued its revival with a 69-60 victory over University of Perpetual Help-Rizal yesterday in the second round of the NCAA men's basketball tournament at the Makati Coliseum.

The 5-foot-8 guard scored 15 points, including two free throws at crunchtime, as the Blazers turned back a furious fourth-quarter comeback by the Altas, who played hot and cold throughout.

It was the third straight win by St. Benilde, which lost all its seven games in the first round. Now being handled by former Cebu Gems mentor Tonichi Yturri, the Blazers started their uphill climb to take a Final Four slot via the backdoor by beating Jose Rizal and PCU at the start of the second round.

In the other senior game, Marco Paolo Fajardo erupted for 35 points as Jose Rizal humbled PCU, 88-79, for its sixth win in 10 outings.

PCU dropped to 3-7 like CSB and UPHR.

Fajardo struck hardest in the third period as he recalled his 41-point performance against Letran at the same arena last year. He added nine rebounds and 5 assists.

"This is my court," said Fajardo.

The Blazers, sparked by a double-double performance from veteran Ron Capati, tied their victims at the tailend of the eight-team field with a 3-7 card as they avenged their opening-day 76-69 setback to the Altas.

EGAY MONTANA

VERMAN Reyes of CSB grabs rebound over UPHR's Wayne Santos (8) and James Quiazon.

SCORES:

Third game (Srs)

CSB 69—Capati 22, Abad 15, Magpayo 7, U. Reyes 7, Good 6, Sanidad 5, Orbeta 4, V. Reyes 3, Rivera 0, Robles 0.

UPHR 60—Javier 18, Barnson 13, Misa 9, Bofin 7, Cuenco 7, Joe 5, Quiazon 1, Santos 0, Burgos 0, Balboa 0.

Quarters: 20-22, 39-30, 57-41, 69-60

Fourth game (Srs)

JRU 88—Fajardo 35, Borboran 15, Santos 13, Attanuga 10, Te 9, Dumancas 3, De Vera 2, Lindayag 1, Jorge 0.

PCU 79—Sanz 20, Castro 15, Roque 14, Retaga 11, Garrido 9, Senining 5, Cecilia 4, Benitez 1.

Quarters: 28-26, 54-51, 71-61, 88-79

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A serving of 7 questions, from easiest to toughest, each with a corresponding point value. Can you score a perfect 100 (or, at least, beat the other 'sports genius/geniuses' beside you)?

1 > 3 Pts.
☐ True /☐ False: Only male bulls are used in bullfighting.

2 > 5 Pts.
What bird gave its name to a golf score of 3 strokes under par?
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☐ Albatross

3 > 7 Pts.
In what game would you find 'zebras' on the field?
☐ American football
☐ Soccer
☐ Field hockey

4 > 10 Pts.
What kind of an animal is a reebok?
☐ Cheetah
☐ Antelope
☐ Horse

5 > 15 Pts.
In the NBA, what animal is the mascot of the Phoenix Suns?
☐ Lion
☐ Diamondback
☐ Gorilla
☐ Phoenix

6 > 25 Pts.
Which of the following was once an official, albeit cruel, Olympic sport?
☐ Live pigeon shooting
☐ Live wild boar shooting
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By convention, all thoroughbred horses in the world share what same birthday?

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$50,000 windfall for Bustamante

BUSTAMANTE

FRANCISCO "Django" Bustamante became $50,000 (P2.7 million) richer Thursday (Friday in Manila), topping the International Challenge of Champions 9-ball championship at the Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, Connecticut.

Bustamante trounced Canadian John Horsfall, 2 sets to 1, to succeed fellow Filipino and Puyat Sports-sponsored Efren "Bata" Reyes in the two-day winner-take-all tournament.

Bustamante had earlier downed Reyes, 5-3, 5-1, in their semifinal duel.

The final match was played under a best of 3 race-to-5 sets format in which the third set, if it becomes necessary, is a "sudden death game," meaning the player who scores first wins the match.

Bustamante won the first set, 5-3, but Horsfall took the second, 5-4, to tie the score at 1 set each. Bustamante won the lag for the "sudden death game" and, with his booming break, finished the game without letting the Canadian 9-ball champion get off his chair.

Horsfall defeated Earl Strickland of the USA in the other semifinal.

Immigration hearing officers in hot water

By Martin P. Marfil

THE BUREAU of Immigration yesterday raised the threat of administrative sanctions on its legal officers who had recommended that Filipino citizenships be granted by the Department of Justice to eight Fil-foreign basketball players.

The investigation of the hearing officers will be conducted by a committee which was tasked to conduct a parallel probe with the BI's resident ombudsman.

The officers had evaluated the petitions for recognition of the eight players before they were submitted to the DOJ for affirmation.

The order which created the committee was signed yesterday by Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo in the wake of a Senate recommendation for the deportation of the eight players— Paul "Asi" Taulava, Jonathan Ordonio, Andrew Seigle, Devonn Harp, Rudolf Hatfield, Michael Pennisi, Dorian Peña and Alex Crisano.

Domingo gave the committee 30 days to come up with a report.

Lhuillier seeks revenge

CEBU CITY—It's going to be a different story this time.

M. Lhuillier Kwarta Padala coach Raulo "Yayoy" Alcoseba made this prediction yesterday after the Cebuanos' hard workout in preparation for their best-of-three semifinals series with arch-rival Compak Shineway-Ozamiz in the 2003 NBL national championship starting tomorrow at the new Cebu Coliseum.

"We will whip them this time," said Alcoseba, still bitter about the Cebuanos' shocking 76-79 loss to the Ozamiz City boys in the NBL regional championship finals on March 26 at the old Cebu Coliseum.

The Cebuanos are favored in the 5 p.m. match mainly because they had already beaten Compak Shineway twice in the eliminations, which Lhuillier topped with a 11-1 record. Coach Alcoseba's charges won 72-69 on July 13 at their rivals' homecourt in Ozamiz and then repeated 75-69 in Talisay City, Negros Occidental six days later.

But experts predict a nip and tuck contest since most of the Ozamiz cagers either played with Alcoseba at M. Lhuillier or at Cebu Doctors College at one time or another.

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PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Mickelson, Pampling up on 66s

MICKELSON hits out of the thick rough on the ninth hole. AFP

ROCHESTER, New York—Maybe the time is right for Lefty. In a season of players winning their first major, Phil Mickelson took a step toward claiming his Thursday at the PGA Championship with a 4-under 66 that gave him a share of the lead with Rod Pampling of Australia.

While tough Oak Hill gobbled up Tiger Woods and a host of others, Mickelson looked like a player intent on finally shedding his label as the best to have never won a major.

He was aggressive off the tee and recovered on the rare occasion his shots soared into the trees. Only a 10-foot par putt that hung on the edge of his final hole kept Mickelson from matching his best score in a major.

Along the way, he was carried along by cheers: "This is your week, Phil!"

"It was a nice start," he said. "But it's nothing more than that."

Woods gladly would have swapped places.

Trying to avoid a Grand Slam shutout for the first time since 1998, Woods struggled off the tee no matter what club was in his hands. He hit only five fairways—a recipe for trouble at Oak Hill—and he resembled Mickelson at the end by missing a 2-foot par putt.

He finished at 4-over 74, the sixth consecutive time in a major he has failed to break par in the opening round. That's not a good omen for Woods, because he has never won any tournament when he shoots over par in the first round.

Woods was so angry he refused to speak to reporters.

"I just didn't drive very well and put myself under a lot of pressure because of it," Woods told a PGA Tour media official. "It didn't matter what club I hit off the tee, I couldn't keep it in play."

Woods wasn't alone in his struggles.

Only a dozen players managed to break par at Oak Hill, despite the course playing relatively soft from two weeks of rain. The average score was 5 over par.

Nineteen players failed to break 80.

Rich Beem made three double bogeys, no birdies and shot 82, the highest first-round score by a defending champion since the PGA Championship switched to stroke play in 1958.

Colin Montgomerie—the other "best player to have never won a major"—can forget about this one. He also shot 82, his worst score ever in the United States. David Duval had an 80, the third time this year he has failed to break 80 in a major.

Anything under par was something to be treasured at Oak Hill.

Billy Andrade, an alternate when the week started, birdied the 18th hole for a 3-under 67 to finish one stroke out of the lead.

"I'm here for a reason, and I'm going to try to seize this opportunity," said Andrade, who was seventh alternate when the field was originally announced two weeks ago. *AP*

Top-flight trio no par for the course

ROCHESTER, New York—It was a marquee group only in name—Tiger Woods, David Toms and Rich Beem, the last three players to win the PGA Championship.

No one could have suspected that Thursday by the way they played Oak Hill. They accounted for only three birdies (none by Beem) and were a combined 21 over par.

"It's a little tougher to get going when everyone is struggling," Toms said. "This course is hard, and none us were playing very good."

He offered a report on all three of them.

"Tiger was hanging around for a while but still wasn't playing very good," Toms said. "I was playing bad, and Rich was all over the place. We weren't a lot of fun to watch."

No one started worse than Toms, a two-time winner on the PGA Tour this year.

He hit into the rough three times and made double bogey on No. 10, then missed his target by 30 yards on the par-3 11th and three-putted for another double bogey.

Woods was the only player at 1 under during any point in the round, making a 30-foot putt that broke some 15 feet and dropped for birdie. Woods bogeyed the next two holes.

Beem made three double bogeys, one of them Army-style on the 598-yard 13th—right rough, left rough, right rough. It took two more shots to get to the green. AP

High-flying Clijsters falls back to earth

KRASNOROUTSKAYA: First-class upset. AP

TORONTO—New world number one Kim Clijsters crashed out of the $1.3 million Canadian Open when she lost 1-6 6-4 6-1 to unseeded Russian Lina Krasnoroutskaya in the third round on Thursday.

But Clijsters's fellow Belgian, second seed Justine Henin-Hardenne, went through to the quarterfinals with a 6-3 7-5 victory over Russian Nadia Petrova.

Her defeat marked the first time Clijsters has failed to make the semifinals of an event this season.

"I didn't have the best preparation coming into the tournament, but I decided to play and go for it and today I just didn't have the batteries in the second and third sets," she told reporters.

"After coming here from Los Angeles, and the jet lag, it was difficult...But she played very well in the second and third sets and she didn't make any mistakes," added Clijsters.

The Belgian, who took over the top spot from Serena Williams with her title triumph in Los Angeles last week, looked poised for an easy workout as she raced through the opening set in 19 minutes.

Playing in her fifth straight event, a tired Clijsters watched the match slip away in the second set behind a string of unforced errors.

Krasnoroutskaya, whose previous best performance was reaching the semifinals in Doha, kept up the pressure in the third set to secure a quarterfinal clash with Slovenia's Katarina Srebotnik.

"I'm very surprised," said 19-year-old Krasnoroutskaya, ranked number 41 in the world. *Reuters*

Roddick leads big march of Americans

CINCINNATI—Andy Roddick led a trio of young Americans into the quarterfinals of the $2.45 million Cincinnati Masters Series with a 7-6 6-2 victory over compatriot James Blake on Thursday.

Roddick, 20, billed as the player most likely to emulate Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi, is enjoying the form of his life but said the unseeded Blake, his friend and Davis Cup teammate, had "played better for much of the match."

The seventh seed, seeking back-to-back Masters Series titles having won in Montreal last week, was indebted to Blake's inconsistencies early on but, once the first set was secured, he left his opponent in his wake.

Roddick could become the new leader of the Champions Race if he wins this week, and his latest triumph in front of a packed centre-court crowd came after fellow Americans Robby Ginepri and Mardy Fish had also advanced. *Reuters*

SPORTS noodle

ANSWERS **From page A25**

1. True! (All bulls are male; female cattle are called cows)
2. Albatross (An eagle is 2 strokes under par)
3. American football (They're the referees; so nicknamed because of their black-and-white striped uniforms)
4. Antelope
5. Gorilla
6. Live pigeon shooting (1900 Paris Games)
7. January 1

Matsui sparks Yankees' win

BALTIMORE—Hideki Matsui drove in the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning, then preserved the lead with a sensational catch to rally the New York Yankees past the Baltimore Orioles 8-5 Thursday.

First, Matsui hit a sacrifice fly to cap a three-run uprising that gave the Yankees a 6-5 lead.

Then, in the bottom of the seventh, with two on and two out, he robbed Larry Bigbie with a running, backhanded stab of an opposite-field line ball near the wall.

"I knew (the ball) was tailing away, and I didn't think he was going to get it," Bigbie said.

Matsui lost his hat as he rolled on the warning track after hitting the padding, but the ball remained secure in his glove.

"When it was hit, I had the feeling I could catch up to it," Matsui said. "But then the ball started spinning farther away from me."

Undaunted, Matsui closed the gap.

"You know he had a chance by how hard he was running after it," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "When he jumped, I still held my breath because I knew he had to crash into the wall."

Matsui's heroics made a winner of Andy Pettitte (14-7), who allowed five runs and 11 hits in six-plus innings. *AP*

SPORTSWATCH

Nike Battleground finals tomorrow

THE NATIONAL Finals of the Nike Battleground Asia will be held at the Carousel Cour of the Festival Supermall in Alabang tomorrow with Slam Nation as added attraction. The first-ever authentic 5-on-5 cagefest to be held entirely inside a mall, Nike Battleground Asia features six high school teams from Cebu, Davao, Pampanga and Metro Manila vying for the national title in this event presented by Nike and co-sponsored by Gatorade, Summit Natural Drinking Water, National Sports Grill and Festival Supermall. The finalists are University of the Visayas (Cebu), Holy Child School of Davao, Pampanga High School, Letran College, Philippine College of Criminology and St. Francis of Assisi-Las Piñas. The whole day competition will be made more exciting by the performance of Slam Nation before the championship game. Slam Nation is a group of seven high-flying dunkers from France.

Team USA's first game on Solar

SOLAR Sports will show tonight the first game of the NBA-powered Team USA at 8 p.m. and a replay of the action-packed Acelino Freitas-Jorge Barrios WBA/WBO world title fight at 10 p.m. Bannered by two-time NBA MVP Tim Duncan, Jason Kidd, Tracy McGrady and Allen Iverson, Team USA will participate in the Fiba Americas Olympic Qualifying Tournament from Aug. 21-Sept. 1.

9th Cusa season begins Aug. 26

THE NINTH season of the Colleges and Universities Sports Association will begin at 9 a.m. on Aug. 26 at the Cuneta Astrodome in Pasay City. Participating schools are Central Colleges of the Philippines, De Ocampo Medical Center, De La Salle Araneta University, Las Piñas College, Manuel Luis Quezon University, Metro Manila College, Philippine College of Criminology, host PMI Colleges, Saint Jude College, Technological Institute of the Philippines, Trinity College-Quezon City and University of Assumption Pampanga.

Ngo, Serito dispute tennis crown

TOP seed Gerard Ngo and Marvin Serito will dispute the boys' 14-under crown today in the Adidas Tennis Challenge 2003 at the Philam Homes Tennis Club-QC. Serito stopped the giant-killing ways of San Beda teammate Bobby Chio, 7-5,6-1, while Ngo tripped Johnwill Baldonado, 7-5, 6-3, yesterday. Jose Lorenzo Ferrer routed Kerwin Tan Tiu, 6-1,6-2, and will meet Kyle Cordero, a 6-1,6-1 winner over JV Custodio for the unisex 10-under trophy. It will be Kim Saraza against Jospeh Baldonado in the boys' 12-under; Sarah Lim against Zhane Quitara in the girls' 12-under; Jessica Agra against Julie Em Botor in the girls' 14-under; Bambi Zoleta against Ivy de Castro in the girls 16-under; and Bien Zoleta against De Castro in the junior women's 21-under bracket.

First Fruits Academy prevails

VALENCIA, Bukidnon—First Fruits Academy ruled the Valencia leg while Holy Cross of Bukidnon topped the Camp Philips eliminations to forge a showdown for the Bukidnon crown of the 20th Coke Go for Goal under-16 football tournament at the Valencia and Camp Philips fields here. First Fruits nipped E. Aguillena College, 2-1, while Holy Cross swept its four assignments to set up their title clash on Aug. 31. The Bukidnon champion will advance to the all-Northern Mindanao regional finals this November. Meanwhile, lightly regarded Cogon National High shocked defending champion Kaputian National High, 2-0, recently to clinch its first Island Garden City of Samal under-14 football crown at the Penaplata Central field.

POC sports painting contest

THE WINNERS of the Philippine Olympic Committee's "Sports on Canvas & Paper" painting contest will be known on Aug. 20. The awarding ceremony will start at 6 p.m. at the Glorietta 2 Mall lobby in Makati City, according to Becky Garcia, chair of the POC Cultural Commission. Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, Manuel V. Pangilinan and Tonyboy Cojuangco have been invited to be guests of honor.

Shootout drag race in Angeles City

THE SECOND leg of the Blaze Shootout Drag Race Championship will be held today at the Spur Road of the Clark Ecozone in Angeles City. Audel Sison will try to duplicate his stunning victory in the first round when his Jeepster outran spruced-up eight-cylinder muscle cars in the Professional category. Angeles City resident Ken Kepner took the second spot in the same class. The event is sponsored by Petron Blaze, Ultron and Diesel Max.

Checkmate clinic goes to Riverbanks

A FIVE-DAY Milo Checkmate clinic will be held at the Riverbanks Mall starting at 10:30 a.m. today. Open to young chessers who are 5-18 years old, this special chess classes will be conducted at the mall's stage hallway near Off Price Department Store during Saturdays and Sundays. Interested parties may proceed at the venue before the clinic starts or call 826-8560 or 0916-852-1069.

Buena Vista badminton family day

THE BUENA Vista Badminton Clinic & Family Day will be held Aug. 22-24 from 8-4 p.m. The badminton clinic will be under the supervision of Jun Tupaz, who has trained members of the Philippine team and the badminton teams of the Department of National Defense and Philippine Air Force. Buena Vista Nature Park & Country Club, with a 26-hectare area and 30 badminton courts, is a project of Ledesma Development Corp. in Tagaytay. For details, call 845-0458 or 887-659 and ask for Ms. Joy Fernando.

Filipina batters fight for 5th

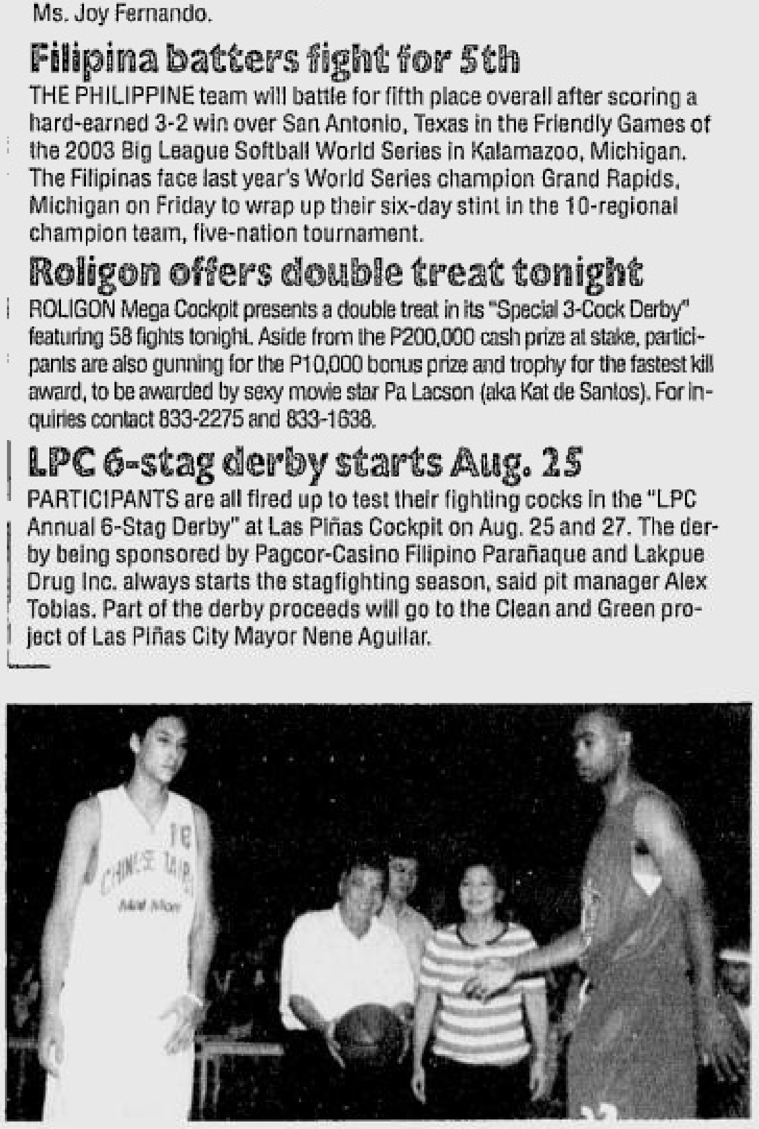
THE PHILIPPINE team will battle for fifth place overall after scoring a hard-earned 3-2 win over San Antonio, Texas in the Friendly Games of the 2003 Big League Softball World Series in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The Filipinas face last year's World Series champion Grand Rapids, Michigan on Friday to wrap up their six-day stint in the 10-regional champion team, five-nation tournament.

Roligon offers double treat tonight

ROLIGON Mega Cockpit presents a double treat in its "Special 3-Cock Derby" featuring 58 fights tonight. Aside from the P200,000 cash prize at stake, participants are also gunning for the P10,000 bonus prize and trophy for the fastest kill award, to be awarded by sexy movie star Pa Lacson (aka Kat de Santos). For inquiries contact 833-2275 and 833-1638.

LPC 6-stag derby starts Aug. 25

PARTICIPANTS are all fired up to test their fighting cocks in the "LPC Annual 6-Stag Derby" at Las Piñas Cockpit on Aug. 25 and 27. The derby being sponsored by Pagcor-Casino Filipino Parañaque and Lakpue Drug Inc. always starts the stagfighting season, said pit manager Alex Tobias. Part of the derby proceeds will go to the Clean and Green project of Las Piñas City Mayor Nene Aguilar.



GOODWILL SERIES
Air21 Chair Bert Lina (2nd from left) with wife Sylvia prepares to make the ceremonial toss during the game between Chinese Taipei and Barangay Ginebra at the start of the RP-Taiwan Goodwill Series at the Ynares Gym in Antipolo City. Behind them is Basketball Association of the Philippines auditor Tony Fabico.

Well-rested Jenny 3 adrift

ROSALES: Second best start in the LPGA after a 67 in the Chick-Fil-A tourney last year.
GETTY IMAGES

TAKING the previous week off in Ohio seems to have recharged Jenny Rosales after a draining intercontinental journey from the United States to Europe.

Rosales birdied the last two holes for a three-under-par 68 Thursday (Friday in Manila) that lifted her just three strokes off the pacesetting Laura Diaz in the opening round of the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic in Sylvania; Ohio..

Skipping last week's leg to rest a fragile wrist that got shaken by the demanding conditions of links golf in the British Open, J-Ro came out fresh and banged in four birdies against a lone bogey to join an 11-player group tied for seventh spot.

It was Jenny's second best start in the LPGA. She fired a four-under 67 in her opening round at the Chick-Fil-A tourney last year.

Diaz, behind three consecutive birdies on the front nine, shot a 6-under 65 at the Highland Meadows Golf Club to open up a one-stroke lead over defending champion Rachel Teske.

Four players were tied for third at 67, including Mi Hyun-Kim who had six birdies over the final nine holes. Dottie Pepper, Heather Bowie and Carri Wood also had 67s.

"Jenny felt so tired after playing in France and England so she opted to rest. She was also worried about her wrist since it took quite a beating at Royal Lytham (where the British Open was held)," said Jenny's mom Lourdes.

Jenny's game stats showed a lot of good signs. She hit 13 fairways and the same number of greens and most of all made just 24 putts, a far cry from the 30.51 average that puts her a low 113th in the rankings.

Rosales had a pitch-in birdie on the ninth to finish the turn at two under counting her earlier birdie on the third. She took her lone bogey on the 11th before that birdie-birdie finish.

Jong Arcano

New billiards league comes off the wraps

THE COUNTRY'S first ever billiards league makes a grand debut on television Saturday, with two teams tangling in a race-to-7 format.

Some of billiards' finest players are vying in the Corporate Billiards League (CBL), which is sponsored by Tanduay Rhum, supported by Rommel's Billiards and shown over the National Broadcasting Network.

Two teams—Imarflex and Beer na Beer—will battle it out at Robinson's Galleria for the right to make the single-round semifinals of the event that offers a prize purse of P100,000 to the winner.

The match will be shown on NBN starting at 8 p.m.

Skippered by Southeast Asian Games gold medalist Lee Van Corteza, Imarflex is favored to prevail over Beer na Beer, which will be bannered by the fast-rising Marlon Manalo, one of Asia's finest snooker players who caught international attention when he defeated former world champion Mika Immonen in Cardiff, Wales.

The CBL, a brainchild of Tanduay Distillers advertising manager Larry Li, is aimed at making billiards a major sports spectacle in the country.

Patterned after the alternating shot, alternating break format of the prestigious Mosconi Cup, the competition calls for three players on each team taking their turns at the pool table.

The six other quarterfinalists in the initial staging of this event are Ginebra Kapitan, LBC, Accel, Toby's Nikon Electric Fan and Skyflakes.

The top two teams after the semifinals will advance to a best-of-seven championship series.

SPORTS TV

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GOLF: 85th PGA Championship; Second Round; 3 p.m.; Third Round; tomorrow at 2:30 a.m.; Solar Sports—Catch the replay of the second round then witness the live telecast of the third round.

BASKETBALL: USA vs Puerto Rico; 7:30 a.m. (r-8 p.m.); Solar Sports— The American NBA stars take on their Puerto Rican neighbors in this exhibition match before the Tournament of the Americas.

Spurs vs. Knicks Game 5 1999 Finals; 10 a.m. (r- 10:30 p.m.); Solar Sports—Avery Johnson's final minute jumpshot gives San Antonio their first NBA Championship. NBA Finals' Most Valuable Player, Tim Duncan finishes with 31 points. The Spurs become the first former ABA franchise to win the NBA Championship.

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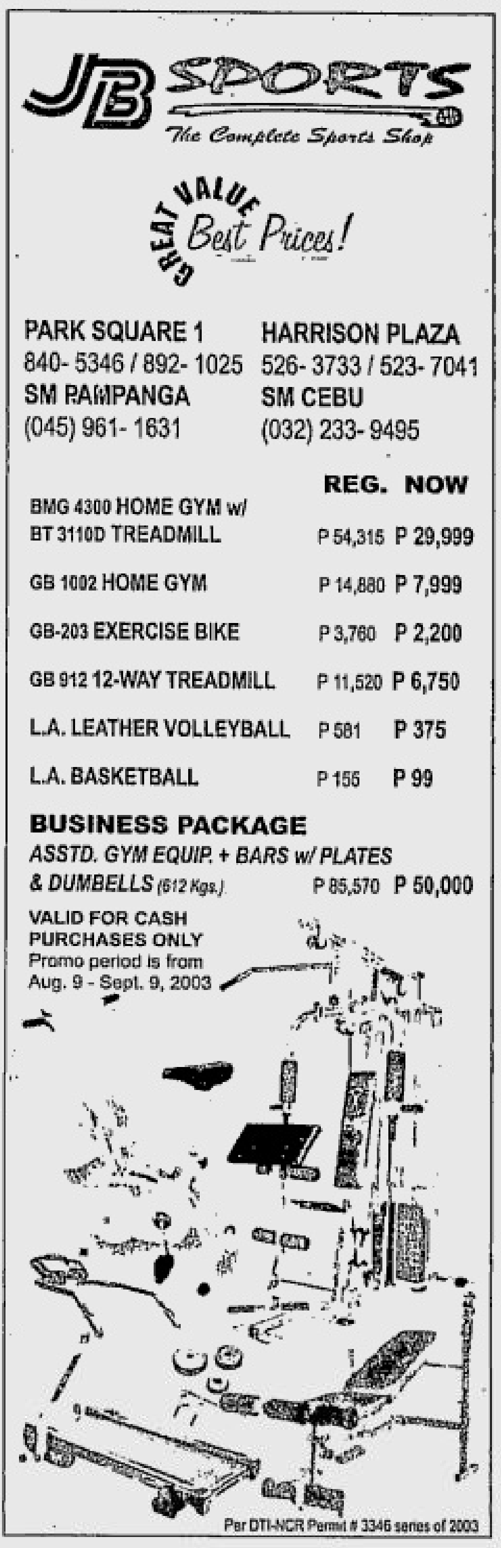
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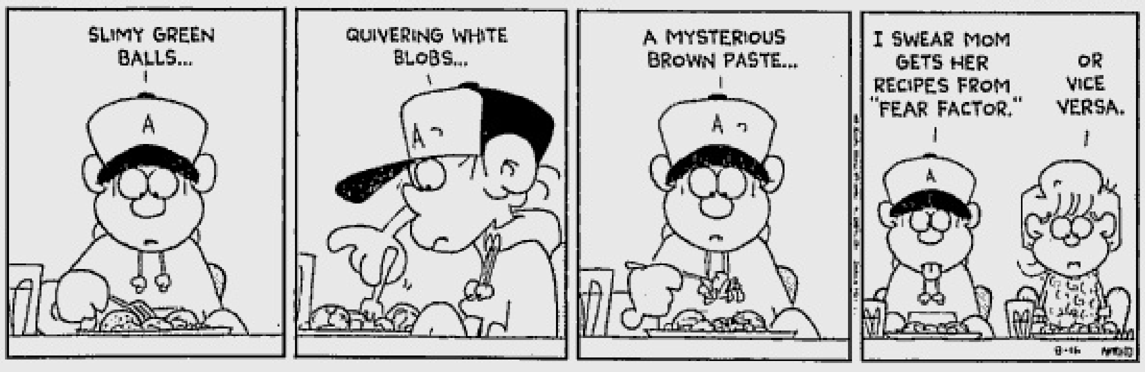
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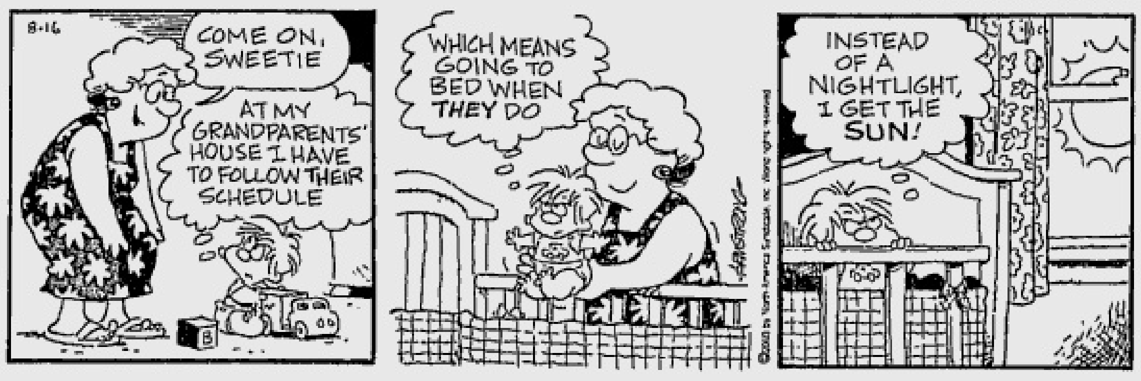
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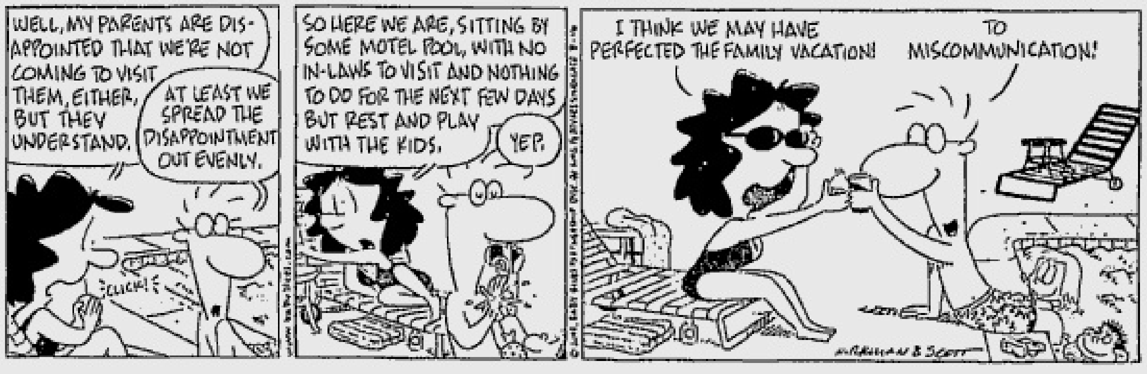
ARMSTRONG

BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT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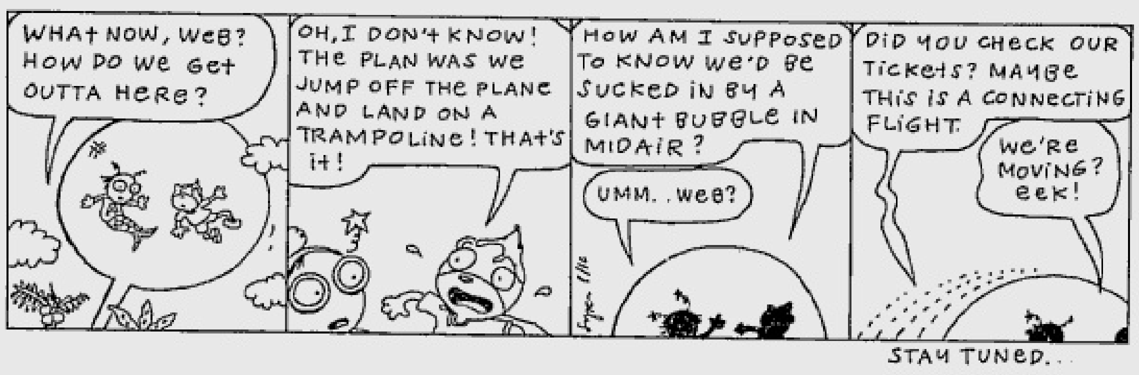
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UMM.. WEB?
DID YOU CHECK OUR TICKETS? MAYBE THIS IS A CONNECTING FLIGHT.
WE'RE MOVING? EEK!
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HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You have a memorable style. People are attracted to you. At times you seem to be larger-than-life because you are not afraid to be outrageous. Privately, you are an idealist. You believe in using power to achieve great goals. The year ahead focuses strongly on your closest relationships and your private life.

Birthdate of: T.E. Lawrence, soldier and Lawrence of Arabia; Madonna, entertainer; Angela Bassett, actress.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): This is a wonderful day for your sign. The Moon is in Aries, and it is on excellent terms with Pluto, Venus and the Sun. You feel upbeat, confident and powerful!

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): This is a wonderful day to teach children new skills or sports. It's also an excellent day to make creative changes connected with publishing, the media and the entertainment world.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Definitely set aside some time today to make some home repairs. Focus on areas like bathrooms, plumbing, garbage and basements. Tackle whatever you can.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Today is the perfect day to turn over a new leaf with respect to your health and your hygiene. Decide to do something that will make you feel better about yourself.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): You feel powerful, sensual and passionate today. Make plans to have fun. Flirt with your sweetie. Romance is promising!

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Attend to broken machinery and needed repairs at home or perhaps in the home of a family member. You can get a lot done today once you set your mind to it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Serious discussions can bring about reforms and improvements in your closest relationships today. Talk to friends and groups; talk to partners and spouses.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): You can do something today to advance your career or improve your overall life direction. Give your ideas the respect they deserve.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): This is a perfect day for travel, vacations, sports and exploring fun, social situations. You feel eager to broaden your horizons; plus you want to improve yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): You need some time alone today to sort through lots of stuff bubbling around in your subconscious. Essentially, you have to come to terms with where your values differ with those of somebody else.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): This is a great day to talk to friends, enjoy members of the public and just schmooze in general. You feel friendly, and it pleases you that others are interested in what you have to say.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): You are definitely determined to make improvements in your life now. Since motivation is everything, you cannot fail! Act on your ideas, and tell others what you want to do.

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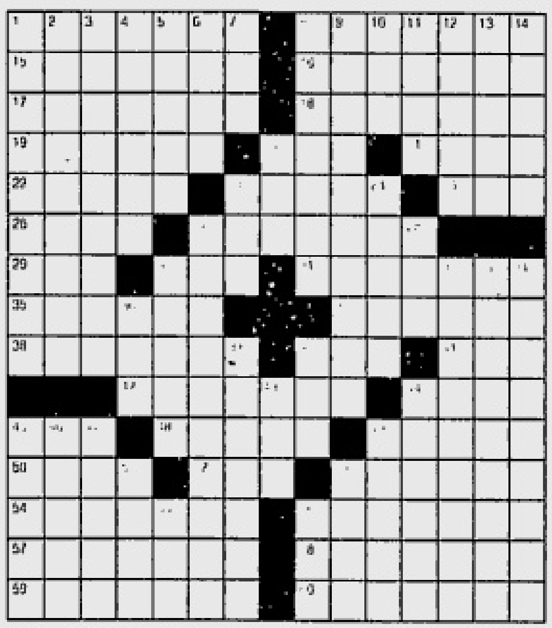

By Tom Pruce
Chicago, IL

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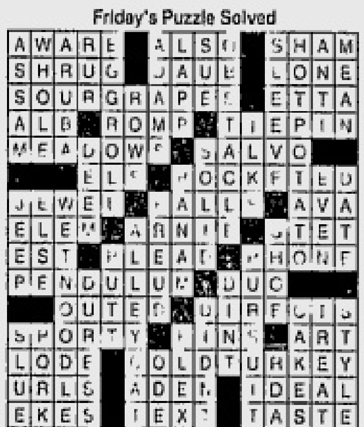
ACROSS
1 Batter of flies?
8 Told (on)
15 Opium-based cough suppressant
16 Kingdom founded by St. Stephen
17 Last Russian dynasty
18 Summery
19 Proclamations
20 A-Team member
21 Greek cheese
22 Beige shades
23 Visionaries
25 Moody or Howard
26 Bloke
27 Put to sea
29 Focal point
30 Harper Valley org. of song
31 Math class
35 Cream-filled dessert
37 Bombay resident
38 Doubter
40 Embodies
41 Wrestling success
42 Shelters
44 Leonine hairdo
45 Patriotic women's org.
48 Tennis star Monica
49 Location of the road to Mandalay
50 "Miss __ Regrets"
52 Use an ax
53 Part of USPS
54 Rhinoplasty
56 Bellicose
57 Former
58 Fire-starting device
59 Changes a title
60 Swarmers

DOWN
1 Earsplitting cries
2 Groundhog
3 Praiseworthy
4 Saucer's partner
5 Color shades
6 Slaughter in Cooperstown
7 Gun, as an engine
8 St. __ of Avila
9 Kind of crawl
10 Explosive letters
11 Wage-slave's refrain
12 Rocket Rod of tennis
13 Muse of lyric poetry
14 McDermott or Thomas
20 Convened
23 Salton or Caspian
24 Placards
27 Hit where one lives?
28 Was first
30 Pocket breads
32 Joint
33 Dowser's cousin?
34 Glass workers, at times
36 Fitting
39 Sulawesi
40 Howdy-dos
43 Stitch
44 Adherent of Islam
45 Philanthropist
46 Do penance
47 Up and about
49 Carried
51 Bristle
53 Beep on a beeper
55 Backus or Bakker
56 Humorist

Friday's Puzzle Solved



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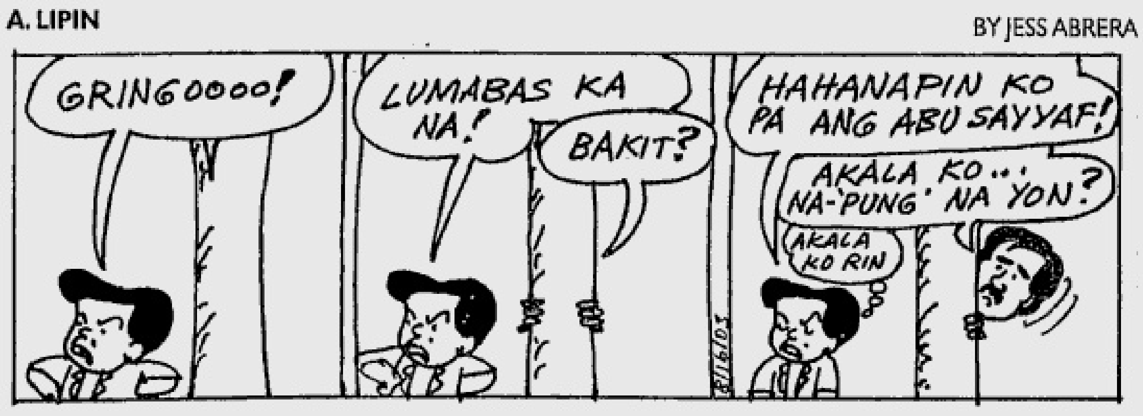
GRINGOOOO!
LUMABAS KA NA!
BAKIT?
HAHANAPIN KO PA ANG ABU SAYYAF!
AKALA KO... NA-'PUNG' NA YON?
AKALA KO RIN
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PUGAD BABOY

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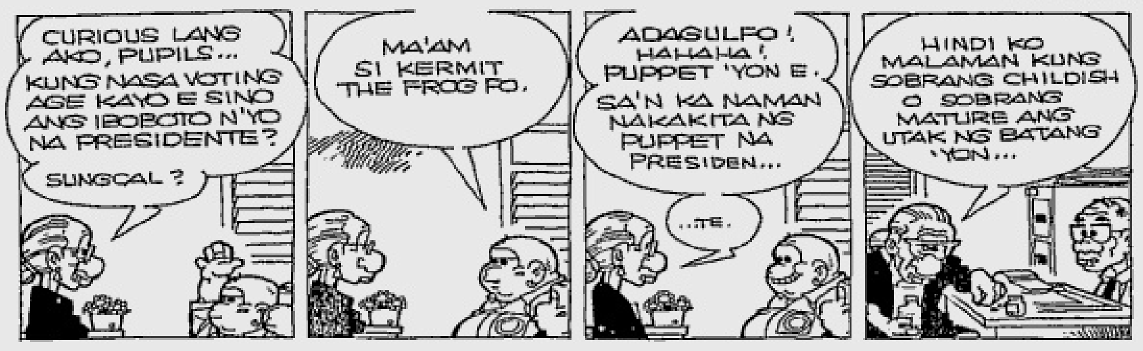
CURIOUS LANG AKO, PUPILS... KUNG NASA VOTING AGE KAYO E SINO ANG IBOBOTO N'YO NA PRESIDENTE?
SUNGCAL?
MA'AM SI KERMIT THE FROG PO.
ADAGULFO! HAHAHA! PUPPET 'YON E.
SA'N KA NAMAN NAKAKITA NG PUPPET NA PRESIDEN...
...TE.
HINDI KO MALAMAN KUNG SOBRANG CHILDISH O SOBRANG MATURE ANG UTAK NG BATANG 'YON...

MUTTS

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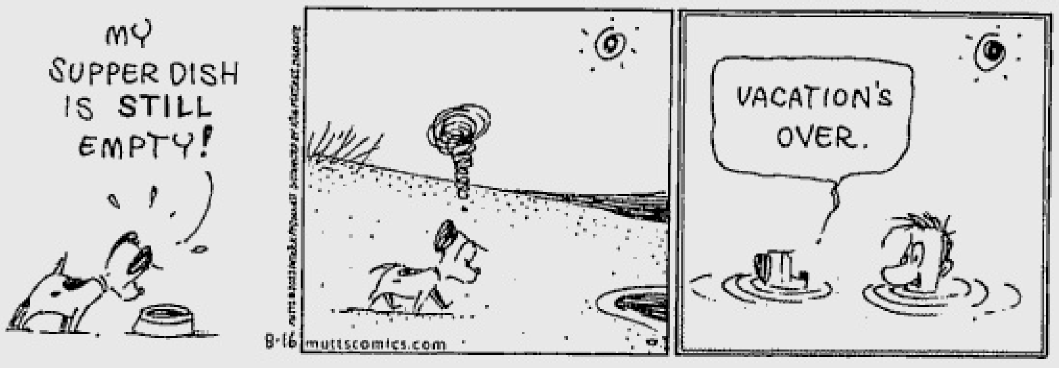
MY SUPPER DISH IS STILL EMPTY!
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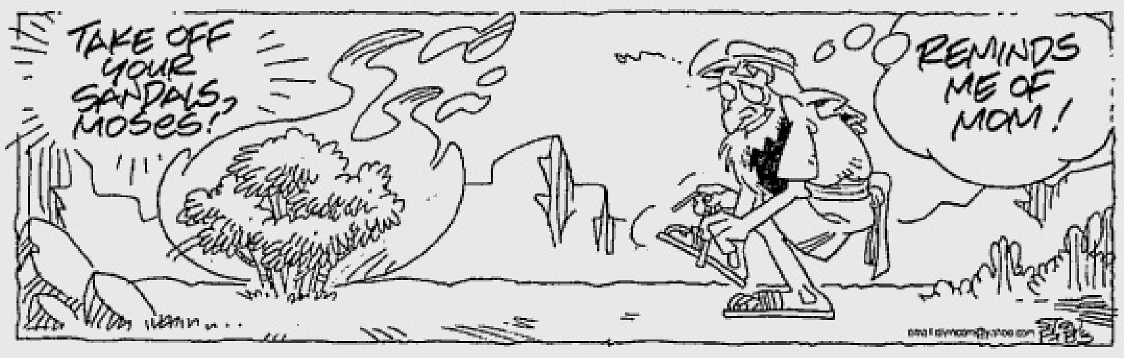
VACATION'S OVER.

DIVINE COMEDY

BY STEVEN PABALINAS


TAKE OFF YOUR SANDALS, MOSES!
REMINDS ME OF MOM!

BEN

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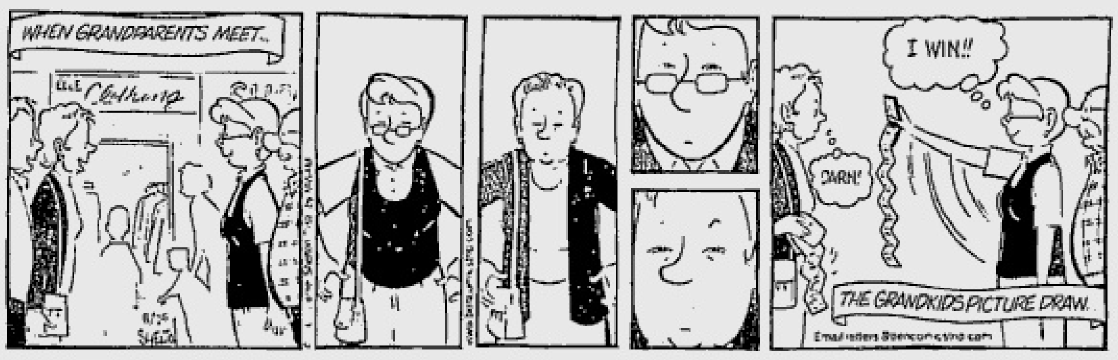
WHEN GRANDPARENTS MEET...
I WIN!!
DARN!
THE GRANDKIDS PICTURE DRAW.

MIKROKOSMOS

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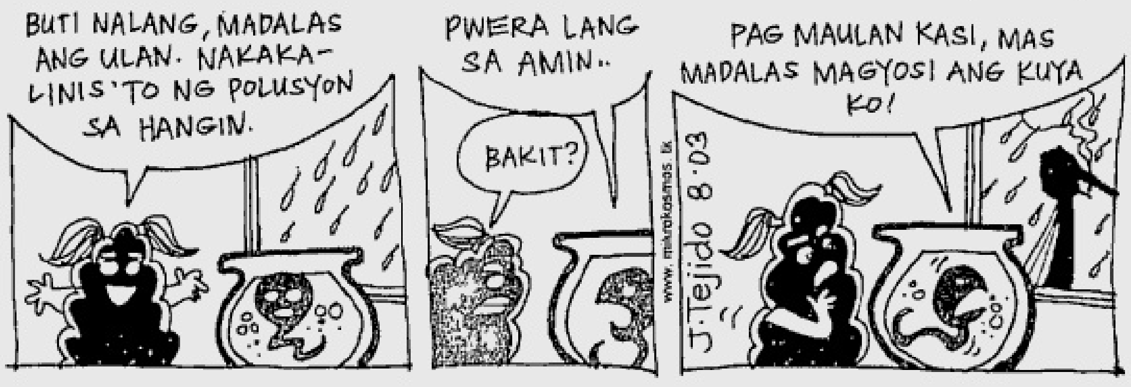
BUTI NALANG, MADALAS ANG ULAN. NAKAKALINIS 'TO NG POLUSYON SA HANGIN.
PWERA LANG SA AMIN..
BAKIT?
PAG MAULAN KASI, MAS MADALAS MAGYOSI ANG KUYA KO!
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KIKO MACHINE

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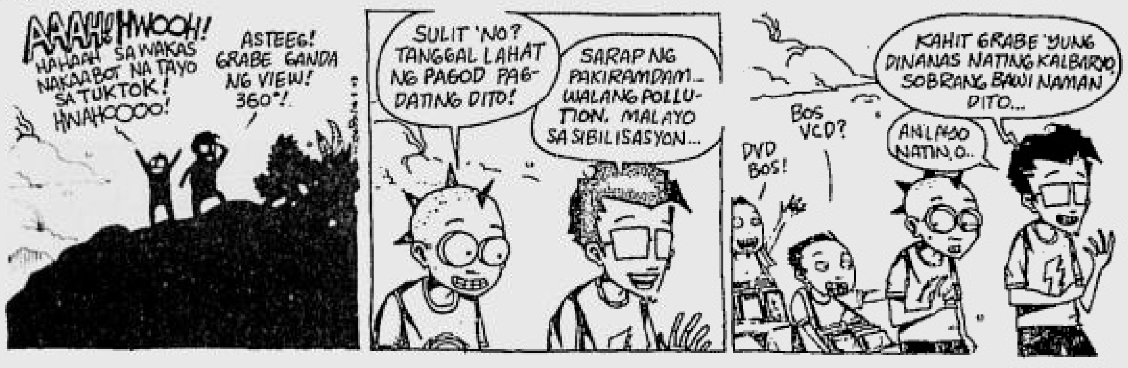
AAAH! HWOOH! HAHAAH SA WAKAS NAKAABOT NA TAYO SA TUKTOK! HWAHOOOO!
ASTEEG! GRABE GANDA NG VIEW! 360°!
SULIT 'NO? TANGGAL LAHAT NG PAGOD PAGDATING DITO!
SARAP NG PAKIRAMDAM... WALANG POLLUTION. MALAYO SA SIBILISASYON...
KAHIT GRABE 'YUNG DINANAS NATING KALBARYO SOBRANG BAWI NAMAN DITO...
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ANI, PASO NATIN, O..

LOVEKNOTS

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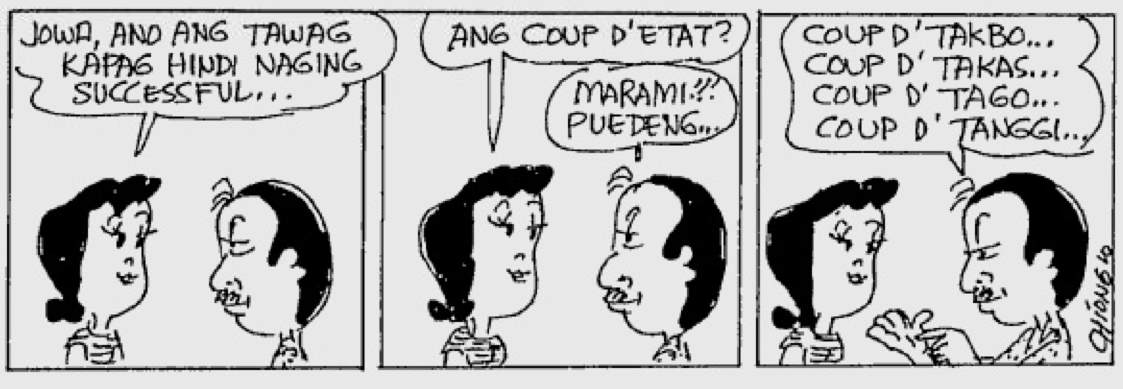
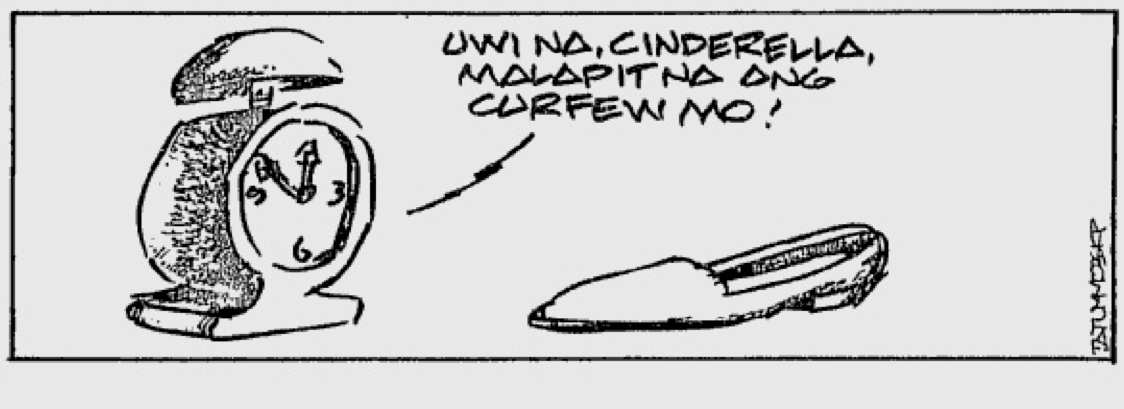

JOWA, ANO ANG TAWAG KAPAG HINDI NAGING SUCCESSFUL...
ANG COUP D'ETAT?
MARAMI?! PUEDENG...
COUP D' TAKBO... COUP D' TAKAS... COUP D' TAGO... COUP D' TANGGI...
CHIONGLO

TULDOK

BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING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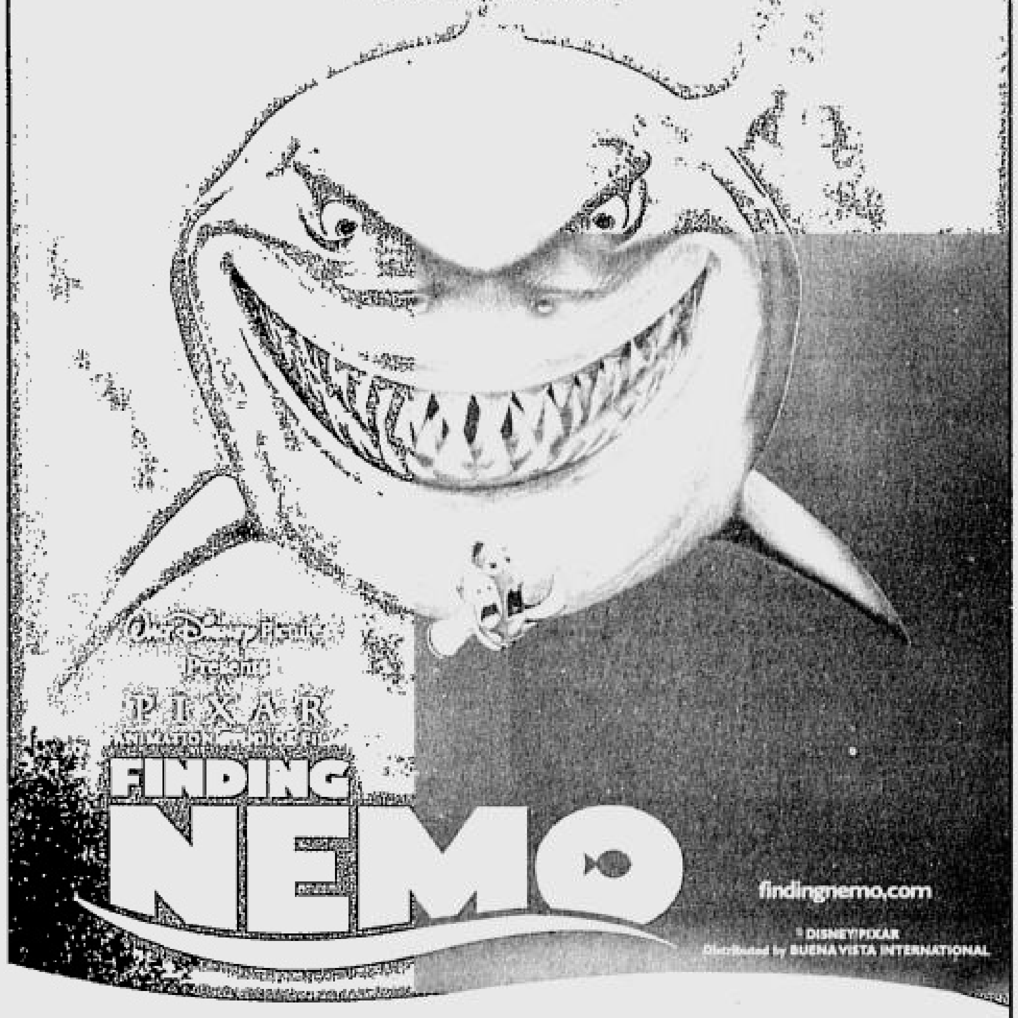
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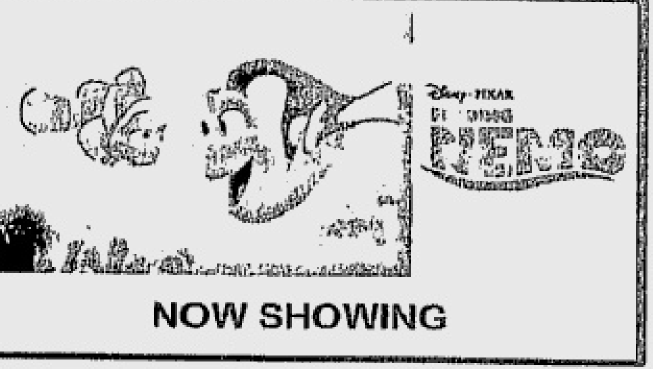

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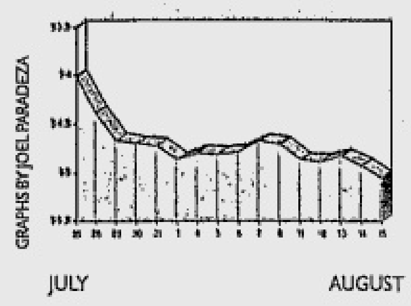

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STOCK MARKET

Shares down 1.29%

SHARE prices closed 1.29 percent lower yesterday due partly to uncertainty created by a court order suspending the head of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas for a year, dealers said.

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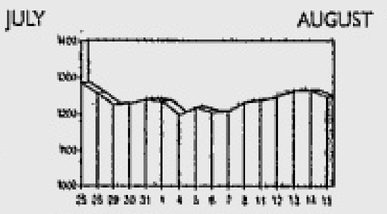

(See stock market report on Page B2)

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index fell 16.25 points to 1,248.05 after trading between 1,246.63 and 1,264.30.

Volume turnover fell to 283.19 million shares worth P326.92 million from 667.80 million shares worth P480.01 million on Thursday.

Losers beat gainers, 41 to 13, with 38 stocks unchanged.

The downturn was attributed to the Court of Appeals ruling on Wednesday to suspend BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura and four subordinates for a year for "gross neglect of duty" for shutting down Urban Bank, a troubled commercial bank, three years ago.

The suspension of the central bank officials also caused the local currency to fall below the crucial 55 to the dollar level.

"Investors are in a wait-and-see mode on the issue involving the central bank officials. I think foreign investors are closely watching developments on this issue," said Rommel Macapagal of Westlink Global Equities.

"Buenaventura's suspension might send a bad signal that some people have succeeded in working for his ouster. There could be uncertainty in the financial market since most people have viewed his work as exemplary," said Mark Alan Canizares of Citiseconline.com.

There is also concern over the investigation into the July 27 military mutiny by some 300 soldiers which the government said was a coup attempt to topple President Gloria Arroyo.

"Investors are weighing developments on the mutiny hearing and on whether the worst is really over," said Terence Chan of Citiseconline.com.

AFP

By Clarissa S. Batino

REACTING adversely to the suspension of the central bank governor, the peso yesterday breached the 55:$1 level and closed at 55.06, making it the region's worst performer this year.

The peso was four centavos away from the March 12 record closing low of 55.099 to $1 although it fell to an intraday low of 55.10 yesterday. In Jan. 17, the peso fell to an historic intraday low of P55.75.

Traders said reports that the true level of the country's external reserves had dipped to $13.7 billion in June against the $15.8 billion reported by the central bank also added pressure on the local currency, which has shed 2.6 percent of its value since the start of the year.

The peso and the Sri Lankan rupee were the only losers in the region yesterday while major currencies like the Japanese yen, the Singapore dollar, and the Australian dollar gained.

The yen was yesterday's top gainer in the region as it recovered 0.4 percent. On the other hand, the peso gave up 0.25 percent from P54.93 on Thursday.

"There is corporate demand and short covering before the weekend. The high noise level being caused by non-economic factors is clearly not helping the peso," said Bangko Sentral Deputy Governor Amando Tetangco Jr.

BSP Deputy Governor Armando Suratos said the central bank was not in the market and traders confirmed the BSP's absence. Volume was only $100 million.

The Court of Appeals' decision Wednesday night to suspend for a year Buenaventura and four other central bank officials in relation to the closure of Urban Bank in April 2000 had made the financial markets nervous.

Corazon Guidote, executive director of the country's Investor Relations Office, said she had been getting frantic calls from investors over the suspension of the BSP officials.

Traders said the pressure on the peso would persist next week and they expected the rate to fall to 55.20 to $1.

"We will continue to see pressure on the peso next week due to ongoing political concerns largely related to the appellate court decision," said a trader.

A trader from a foreign bank said reports that the central bank had been overstating its gross international reserves also affected the market.

GMA leaves fate of BSP chief to Supreme Court

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr., Elena R. Torrijos and Michelle V. Remo

MALACAÑANG'S decision to leave embattled Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Rafael Buenaventura to the mercy of the Supreme Court has further fanned speculation that the Estrada appointee was being eased out before the end of his term.

In a statement, President Macapagal-Arroyo said: "We respect the decision of the Court of Appeals and we assure the public and the business community that the Palace has not and will never intervene in the prerogative of the judicial system."

While the President said the central bank's stature as an institution was "unsullied" by the Court of Appeals' ruling suspending Buenaventura and four other BSP officials for one year, Malacañang was either evasive or quiet on questions on whether it had a direct hand in pressuring the BSP chief to resign his post and replace him with the Palace's handpick candidate.

BUENAVENTURA

Malacañang can only appoint a new BSP governor if Buenaventura resigns before his six-year term expires on July 2005.

A private banker who requested anonymity said the court suspension was a form of harassment meant to coerce Buenaventura to cut short his term in office. The source said Malacanang had long wanted Buenaventura out of office mainly because it wanted its own man to head the country's monetary policy-making body and currency maker.

The source said a few months after the President took over in 2001, rumors that Malacañang had been pressuring Buenaventura to resign out of delicadeza being an appointee of deposed President Estrada had likewise sent the financial markets reeling.

Asked on whether Malacañang wanted Buenaventura to stay on until the end of his term and whether the President was happy with his performance, Bunye said:"We cannot make any statement on these because we would in fact be influencing the Supreme Court. We also do not meddle in the affairs of the BSP, which is an independent body."

The Makati Business Club, in a statement, had expressed its grave concern on the suspension slapped by the appellate court.

"We believe the monetary authorities acted in the best interests of bank depositors to maintain public confidence in the financial system. The appellate ruling is reminiscent of the decision on the long drawn-out charges against the late former Central Bank Governor Jose Fernandez over the closure of Banco Filipino several years ago," MBC said.

Buenaventura's suspension surprised the business community, which considered it as another major blow to the stability of the country's economic climate, according to industrialist and consumer advocate Raul Concepcion.

Concepcion said that while the country's business environment was still starting to recuperate from the adverse effects of the July 27 mutiny on the economy, the suspension of Buenaventura by the Court of Appeals would again push businesses to volatility.

The business community, showing disgust over Buenaventura's suspension, said the CA ruling was another instance of the judiciary's "interference" in business matters, Concepcion said.

Meantime, the Ombudsman last month dismissed two crimi

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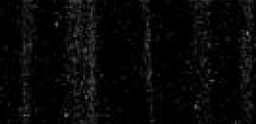

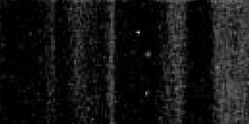

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Ayala Land Inc. chair Fernando Zobel de Ayala says the retail trade sector has outpaced the telecom industry as the top source of the GDP growth in the last three years. Speaking during the opening of the 12th National Retailers Conference (NRCE), Zobel adds that innovation, commitment and sense of partnership will give any business the single biggest source of long-term competitive advantage. Also present during the opening rites at Edsa Shangri-la Hotel were Trade Undersecretary Adrian Cristobal Jr., UK Ambassador Paul Diamond and Philippine Retailers Association chair emeritus Samie Lim.

GMA leaves fate . . .

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nal cases and one administrative case against BSP officials led by Buenaventura in relation to the closure of Urban Bank.

However, former Urban Bank president Teodoro Borlongan yesterday vowed to elevate the criminal cases to the Supreme Court and the administrative case to the Court of Appeals.

"I just want vindication," Borlongan said in a press briefing yesterday.

In an order last month, Ombudsman chief Simeon Marcelo dismissed Borlongan's motions for reconsideration on the three cases.

One administrative case and one criminal case involved Borlongan's charge that BSP officials violated the country's rules and laws when they allegedly confederated and orchestrated the fictitious sale of P562.5 million in National Food Authority notes to state-owned Land Bank of the Philippines even when the bank had been closed on April 26, 2000.

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Conrado R. Banal III

IT seems only yesterday, but it was actually 10 years ago. The government "expropriated" land in Batangas. It got some 4 hectares of prime industrial land.

That was 10 years ago, when we had those agonizing 12-hour blackouts. The government needed the land for transmission lines of our favorite Napocor.

Today, the owners of the property are still begging Napocor for payment. As expected, being the government, Napocor has no choice but to play hardball.

At one time, in fact, Napocor even dared the owners just to sue Napocor in court. Offhand, I can only say that this Napocor really has the knack for arrogance.

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MAYBE that sounds familiar. We hear a lot about arrogance nowadays, particularly in the Senate hearing on the failed coup d'état. It could also be just a ... well, "protest."

No comparison is intended, but it's up to you. I'm saying that those landowners were always at the receiving end of the Napocor's arrogance from the very start.

Napocor never consulted the landowners. Napocor just went ahead, on its own, to choose where to erect its transmission towers and put up the lines.

And that was, right smack in the middle, with the towers and the power lines cutting through some 25 hectares of prime industrial land. Wonderful!

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IT SO happened that the property was located in Malvar town. There, factories were starting to relocate at that time, also thanks to government prodding.

The landowners thus would have loved to suggest the sites for the towers, if only to preserve some value for the rest of their property.

Down here, when you take somebody's property, even just to borrow it, you must inform the person beforehand. It's just common day-to-day courtesy.

Also in our barangay, another word for "expropriate" is "take." But if you already took the land from us without paying for it, we sometimes call it "land grabbing."

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TO NAPOCOR it was of course a worthy project. We needed more electricity then. The landowners had no choice but to give in to the Napocor land gra...este, "expropriation."

It's just that, they also wanted to be paid for their land, if it was not too much to ask of the mighty monopoly, which also managed to lose tons of money every year.

"Just compensation" is the term in the Constitution for what the government should give citizens, when it uses the power of eminent domain (i.e. taking your land).

But Napocor was then and still is a monopoly. To top it all, Napocor was THE government. It should only get away with anything, bad PR and all.

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AND SO through the years, bad luck always had a way of foisting itself upon the landowners, aside from getting the transmission lines right through their property.

This should run away with the top prize—the Napocor unit which took care of those things like payment never knew about their claim until last year.

Wow! That was nine years after Napocor forced its will upon those people. Only in 2002 did the responsible Napocor unit find out about the claim.

I'll tell you what—the unit even has a wonderful name. It is called Social Engineering-Right Of Way Management department. It managed to do nothing.

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THIS whachamacalit department said it was not "privy" to the claim. The Napocor legal department informed it about the claim only last year—and only verbally, at that!

Now, as Napocor saw it, the issue was one of "just compensation." Napocor thus told the landowners that only the court has the authority to unravel such a mystery.

Precisely, during those 10 years, the landowners have been dying for a compromise, pleading with the Napocor officer in charge of their case.

Simply, the rude Napocor was telling the poor landowners, who waited for only 10 long and winding years, to wait for a court ruling a little more time like their next life.

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NO compromise could happen between the two parties, meaning, the landowners and the landgra...este, Napocor, because of the Napocor officer-in-charge.

The guy in Napocor who was on top of the case probably did not have enough chairs in his office. And so he sat on the case.

After sitting on the case for years, in which the landowners were already willing to go for an amicable settlement, he then decided he needed a little rest.

And so he went on a six-month leave of absence. He went to Canada. He then wasted no time in going into retirement. *Sayang*, they had no SARS in Canada then yet.

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AFTER getting only a little hemming and hewing for 10 years, the landowners got their first big break last April.

Another one of Napocor's countless units, this time called the Land and Land Rights department, recommended to the Napocor board a...well, not yet the payment.

The department recommended the approval of an early compromise settlement, which amounted to P2.2 million for 4 hectares of industrial property.

The recommendation came with the exact same recommendation of another unit—the Transco engineering services. Nobody knows how much paper the two units wasted.

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THAT, er, "recommended" settlement means a price of P57 per square meter. The land, mind you, was part of a 25-hectare prime industrial land!

Whadayano—that's more or less the going price for agricultural land in a town in Bulacan which is infested by leftist insurgents.

As if the landowners would make a killing out of the settlement, the Napocor board decided to make them squirm some more.

It withheld the approval. The board decided to wait for Transco's so-called "manual of approval." In government, to decide anything, you need a manual.

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BESIDES, even if by some miracle, the Napocor board did not need a manual for the settlement, it had other better things to do.

For instance, the board had to attend to the 2nd founding anniversary of the very same Transco. Everybody in Transco had to celebrate their foundation day.

Disgusted and all, and who would not be, the landowners went to Allan Ortiz, Transco president, who took matters in his own hand by referring the case to others.

One of them was a certain Dominador Geonzon, Transco vice president for project management. He kindly asked the landowners for a lot of paper requirements.

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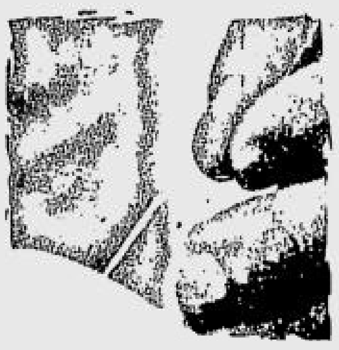
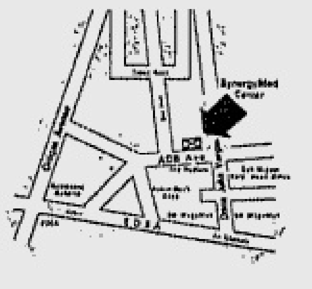
ONE of the landowners wrote back: "Why I am not surprised when I received your letter...is simply a manifestation of the complete loss of faith in the kind of governance we have in this country.

"After almost 10 years of your asking for practically everything under the sun and our religiously complying with all requirements that you have asked from us, you are now asking me to provide you with the sketch plan and technical description of our properties affected by the transmission for 'for validation purposes...'

"I think I have run out of words to describe you people."

The rest of the letter is unprintable.





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$22M in net inflow of 'hot money' posted after failed mutiny

By Clarissa S. Batino

PORTFOLIO investments surprisingly registered a net inflow of $22 million the week after the July 27 military uprising, bringing to $331.1 million the level of hot money that was retained in the country as of Aug. 1.

The level of portfolio investments exceeded the $211.1 million in net inflow last year, data submitted by five custodian banks to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas showed.

As of Aug. 1, net portfolio inflow was 80 percent or $147 million more compared to the $184.1 million in the same period in 2002.

The central bank said that investors might have reacted ahead of the failed mutiny the week before when hot money investments posted a net inflow of $300,000. Funds that were pulled out the previous week could have returned a week later when the attempted coup ended peacefully.

"Investors obviously saw some opportunities in the Philippine markets," said BSP Deputy Governor Amando Tetangco Jr.

TETANGCO

After July 27, the prevailing sentiment for investors was to bargain-hunt for dirt-cheap stocks in the equities market. The fixed-income market, however, tried to bid up the rates of treasury bills but failed when the government rejected all offers that would have raised domestic interest rates by about 60 basis points.

Foreign portfolio funds are normally invested in the stock market, government securities, mutual funds and insurance. Unlike direct investors that build factories and set up local shops for a long-term period, hot money investors pull out their funds easily during periods of uncertainty.

In July, net inflow hit $83.8 million, a level last seen in November 2000 when investors reacted positively to reports that then President Estrada would resign following the juetengate scandal.

In the week after the mutiny, inflow of $39.5 million outpaced outflow of $17.5 million.

The central bank said it was expecting more portfolio funds to flow in the coming months and help offset the slow-moving direct investments. The BSP said it was expecting at least $500 million in net foreign direct investments this year but as of April, the level was a deficit of $39 million.

The BSP credited the encouraging inflow of portfolio funds for helping boost the country's balance-of-payments position, an economic indicator based on movements in trade, investment and foreign borrowings.

The central bank data came from Citibank NA, Standard & Chartered Bank, Deutsche Bank, HSBC and ING Barings. The five foreign banks account for 95 percent of total foreign fund flow.

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BIR's July collection exceeds P33.46-B target

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE BUREAU of Internal Revenue yesterday said it had exceeded its P33.46-billion collection target in July by more than P300 million, boosting expectations that the government was able to keep the budget gap within the monthly ceiling of P17.13 billion.

Revenue Commissioner Guillermo Parayno Jr. said that the collection last month amounting to P33.76 billion was 11.6 percent higher than the July 2002 level of P30.25 billion.

In the first seven months, Parayno said the BIR had collected P24 billion more compared than the level in the same period last year.

The bureau responsible for more than 70 percent of the government's yearly revenue collection is expected to deliver at least P424 billion this year to ensure that the budget gap will remain with the P202-billion ceiling.

"The improvement in revenue collection performance can be attributed to the continuing efforts of the bureau to increase its efficiency in tax collections as well as its effectiveness in detecting tax deficiencies of various business establishments," said Parayno.

The BIR chief said the BIR's tax mapping and intensive audit operations had allowed the bureau to collect more as it demonstrated to taxpayers that the bureau was serious in doing its job.

Since April this year, the BIR had visited 96,000 establishments, of which 86 percent were found to have violated various tax policies. Almost 16 percent of these businesses failed to issue proper receipts to their customers.

"Realizing that one out of every six establishments nationwide do not issue receipts, the BIR has initiated several programs to address this. One of these programs is the text raffle promo called Bayan-I-text ang Resibo. This promo offers daily and monthly prizes to encourage buyers to demand for their receipts," explained Parayno.

The Bureau of Customs reported two weeks ago that its collections in July reached P9.479 billion against a target of P9.111 billion. The revenue last month was P1.615 billion or 20 percent higher than the year-ago level.

The fiscal gap in the first semester reached only P79.6 billion against a ceiling of P102.2 billion. The BIR and the Customs account for more than 90 percent of the total revenue of the government.

The BOC is expected to contribute P100.56 billion to the state coffers this year.

Both the BIR and the BOC vowed to implement measures that would ensure that last year's huge revenue shortfalls would not happen again.

The poor BIR and Customs collection last year pushed the budget deficit to P210.7 billion against a target of P130 billion.

RP should push for removal of farm subsidies, says FPI

By Michelle V. Remo

THE FEDERATION of Philippine Industries (FPI) said the government should not engage in negotiations that would entail further liberalization of markets for non-agricultural products until developed countries fully remove "trade distortions" in the agriculture sector.

FPI said local industries would agree to the further lowering of tariffs imposed on manufactured items only if rich countries, such as the United States and the European Union, removed the subsidies granted to their agricultural products.

In a position paper on the coming round of multilateral trade talks in September, FPI pointed out that subsidies granted by developed countries to their agricultural sectors, as well as support programs for their farm products, were "injurious" to fair competition.

"Very high and complex tariffs on certain products, high levels of export subsidy and the heavy use of domestic support are tools that developed countries have been using to maintain protection, to the detriment of developing countries' export interests," FPI said in its paper.

According to FPI, developed countries grant an average of $1 billion per day in combined subsidies.

Also, the group is asking the government to review the country's tariff concessions with countries enjoying the most favored nation (MFN) status but are not included in the common effective preferential tariff scheme (CEPT).

FPI said that since the Philippines had embraced liberalization much faster than other countries, the government should consider raising tariffs to previous levels.

FPI said that the country's average tariff was already much lower than its counterparts in the region, making local industries uncompetitive with other countries. It said that while the Philippines' average tariff was only 6.7 percent, other countries' had kept their rates high: Laos, 45.3 percent; Indonesia, 10 percent; India, 32 percent; Pakistan 20.4 percent, and Malaysia, 9.2 percent.

"Redeeming some of our tariff concessions will give us more leverage when the trade liberalization rounds enter the realm of bilateral trade negotiations in the form of actual bargaining chips that we can throw on the table," it further said.

The group also insisted that the private sector should be represented in the coming 5th ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organization in September to be held in Cancun, Mexico. FPI said the government should tap representatives from local industries as observers and advisers in the coming round of trade talks.

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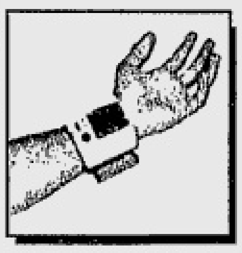

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PSE to amend listing rules to accommodate big oil firms

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PHILIPPINE Stock Exchange may amend its listing rules to allow a staggered initial public offering by companies that are mandated to go public such as Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. and Caltex Philippines Inc.

In a press briefing yesterday, PSE president Ernest Leung said the local bourse was willing to relax the listing rules so that offerings could push through even when the market was in a slump.

Oil refiners like Pilipinas Shell and Caltex are required to sell at least 10 percent of their equity through an initial public offering under Section 22 of the Downstream Oil Industry Deregulation Act of 1998—within three years after the law takes effect. The two oil companies should have complied with the IPO requirement as early as two years ago but they always blamed poor market conditions for the delay in the mandated offerings.

"We're thinking it could be done in stages, one-half (of the mandated 10 percent) now and then another half when the market improves," Leung said.

"That's a way of mitigating their concern that the appetite is not big enough. They asked if they could do it (in) smaller (tranches)," he said.

Leung said the PSE's current rules did not permit such staggered offering but that amendments could be pursued to allow some flexibility. Pilipinas Shell is a unit of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group while Caltex is a unit of ChevronTexaco Corp.

Leung reiterated that as these companies had benefited from the deregulation, they must, in turn, comply with the offering requirement.

The amendment being considered by the PSE to its listing rules will also benefit other companies that are required by other laws or their own congressional franchises to offer shares to the public, among them leading cellular phone provider Smart Communications.

The PSE is aggressively encouraging these companies to list not only to comply with legal requirements but to help perk up market interest.

For instance, Pilipinas Shell has an authorized capital stock of P1 billion of which P691 million was paid up while Smart has an authorized capital of P4 billion while its paid-up base was P3.49 billion.

Another company being encouraged to list on the PSE is leading power generator Mirant Philippines, which has an authorized capital stock of P13 billion and a paid-up capital of P12 billion.

What is hampering Mirant Philippines' move to go public, Leung said, was the bankruptcy petition filed by its parent company in the United States.

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INVITATION TO BID

The Development Bank of the Philippines will receive sealed bids on August 27, 2003, 2:00 p.m., at the Auditorium of the DBP Head Office, Sen. Gil Puyat Ave. cor. Makati Ave., Makati City for the following properties on CASH BASIS:

CODE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION		MINIMUM BID (Excl. of VAT)
REAL ESTATE				
MANILA				
CWB-14	No. 280 A. Bonifacio Ave. cor. A. Flores St., Jesus de la Pena, Marikina City	199 m² commercial/residential lot (TCT No. 428042) w/ bldg. & imprvts.	P	4,113,300.00
BATAAN				
	Sta. Monica Homes, Sitio Wiswis, Camaya, Mariveles	Residential lots with bldgs. & impvts.: AREA (m²) TCT No.		
AMD-ED -42a	Lot 15 Blk 20	100 T-229481	P	300,900.00
-42b	10 9	50 T-229482	P	175,600.00
-42c	6 9	50 T-229483	P	197,500.00
-42d	5 9	50 T-229484	P	197,500.00
-42e	3 9	50 T-229485	P	157,800.00
-42f	45 8	50 T-229490	P	252,100.00
-42g	7 20	50 T-229491	P	195,300.00
-42h	49 8	50 T-229493	P	149,500.00
-42i	10 20	50 T-229494	P	175,600.00
-42j	15 32	50 T-229495	P	225,000.00
-42k	40 32	50 T-229496	P	240,400.00
-42l	18 20	50 T-229497	P	295,800.00
-42m	22 20	50 T-229498	P	139,500.00
-42n	6 8	50 T-229499	P	149,500.00
-42o	8 9	50 T-229500	P	197,500.00
-42p	7 9	50 T-229501	P	211,400.00
-42q	4 9	50 T-229502	P	149,500.00
-42r	7 & 10 32	100 T-229503 & 229504	P	343,000.00
-42s	39,35 & 38 31	150 T-229505, 229506 & 229507	P	416,600.00
BATANGAS				
LIP-3 LAO-04	Bo. Talaibon, Ibaan	5,000 m² agro-industrial lot (TCT No. T-111244) w/ bldgs. & imprvts.	P	12,229,700.00
LIP-3 LAO-05	Bo. Munting Tubig, Ibaan	2 parcels of agro-industrial lots (TCT Nos. T-111242 & T-111243) total area of 19,238 m² w/ bldgs. & imprvts.	P	6,179,900.00
BULACAN				
AMD-ED-43	Bgy. Matang Tubig, Baliuag	3 parcels of lots (TCT Nos. T-162317, T-162318 & T-162319) total area of 21,533 m² w/ bldg. & imprvts.	P	16,218,600.00
AMD-ML-44	Along G.L. Jaena St., Cityland Green Breeze Village I, Pulong Buhangin, Sta. Maria	200 m² vacant residential lot (TCT No. T-295185)	P	180,000.00
CAVITE				
AMD-ML-45	Bo. Iruhin, Tagaytay City	1,500 m² vacant residential lot (TCT No.T-36905)	P	4,230,640.00
DAS-002	Poblacion, Rosario	2 parcels of residential lots (TCT Nos. T-1024912 & T-1024913) total area of 442 m² w/ bldgs. & imprvts	P	3,143,900.00
DAS-003	Bo. San Juan, Gen. Trias	3 parcels of residential lots (TCT Nos. T-1024914, T-1024915 & T-1024916) total area of 654 m² w/ bldgs. and imprvts.	P	2,425,300.00
	Metrogate Subd., Bgy. Langcaan, Dasmarinas	5 parcels of vacant residential lots: AREA (m²) TCT No.		
AMD-ML -46a		120 T-908735	P	420,000.00
-46b		120 T-908736	P	420,000.00
-46c		120 T-908737	P	420,000.00
-46d		120 T-908738	P	420,000.00
-46e		120 T-908739	P	420,000.00
LAGUNA				
AMD-ML-47	Along Bonifacio St., Bgy. Sto. Nino, Poblacion, Lumban	97 m² residential lot (TCT No. T-200189) w/ 4-storey bldg.	P	2,007,200.00
QUEZON				
	Bo. Cabuguang, Tagkawayan	Vacant lots:		
AMD-ML -48a		203,088 m² lot (TCT No. T-367909)	P	3,884,075.00
-48b		205,758 m² lot (TCT No. T-367910)	P	3,497,920.00
RIZAL				
AMD-ML-49	Bgy. Quisao, Pililia	2 parcels of agricultural lots (TCT Nos. M-100249 & M-100250) total area of 28,720 m² w/ bldg. & imprvts.	P	4,230,900.00
AMD-JB-50	35 Sto. Nino St., Ma. Corazon Subd , Cupang, Antipolo	2 parcels of industrial-residential lots (TCT Nos. 284045 & 284046) total area of 520 m² with bldgs. & imprvts.	P	2,547,000.00
AMD-ML-51	Victoria Valley Subd., Bgy. De la Paz (Mayamot), Antipolo	1,273 m² vacant residential lot (TCT No. 202929)	P	2,391,750.00
AMD-ML-52	No. 3 Ursula St., Milagros Subd., Bo. Dalig, Antipolo	302 m² residential lot (TCT No. 324296) w/ bldg. & imprvts.	P	699,720.00
CHATTELS (sale on "as-is, where-is" basis)				
AMD-JB-53	TLRC Reproductive Cmpd., Bgy. Pandacaqui, Mexico, Pampanga	Various abaca rope-making machinery and equipment	P	8,500.00 to 2,611,300.00
AMD-ML-54	La Campana Cmpd., EDSA, Balintawak, Quezon City	Various machinery and equipment for steel manufacturing	P	800.00 to 638,800.00
AMD-ML-55	No. 100 Industry Rd.II cor. Reparo Rd., Araneta University Village, Potrero, Malabon City	Various lathe machines and equipment for steel fabrication	P	25,500.00 to 425,000.00
AMD-ML-56	DBP Depot, Doña Severina Subd., Paranaque City	5 units machinery and equipment for bolts & nuts fabrication	P	6,400.00 to 311,760.00
AMD-ML-57	Sarg's Products Cmpd., Ortigas Ave., Cainta, Rizal	Various scrap materials	P	31,560.00 to 179,200.00
AMD-ED-58	Along National Road, San Rafael, Sto.Tomas, Batangas	Various fruit juice processing equipment	P	10,720.00 to 78,880.00
	La Campana Cmpd., EDSA, Balintawak, Quezon City.	2 units public utility jeepneys, Belando, 19-seater:		
AMD-ML -59a		Plate No. NYA-731	P	30,000.00
-59b		Plate No. NYA-891	P	8,000.00

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Metrobank net profit up 16%

By Elena R. Torrijos

METROPOLITAN Bank & Trust Co., the country's largest lender, posted a 16-percent increase in profit in the second quarter to P1.096 billion from P942 million in the same period last year largely on strong trading gains.

The second-quarter performance brought the bank's first half profit up to P1.561 billion, roughly the same as the comparative P1.544-billion profit recorded in the same period last year.

In documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the publicly listed universal bank reported that its income from commissions, foreign exchange and securities trading almost doubled to P4.16 billion in the second quarter from P2.2 billion in the same period last year.

The rise in such other income gave the bank, controlled by taipan George Ty, leeway to set aside nearly P2 billion in provisions for probable losses during the quarter.

Allied Bank triples income

ALLIED Banking Corp., a medium-sized universal bank controlled by tobacco magnate Lucio Tan, more than tripled its profit in the second quarter of this year to P368.56 million from P108.47 million in the same period last year.

This brought the bank's first half profit to P585 million or about 200 percent higher than the P195.75 million recorded in the comparative period last year.

During the second quarter, Allied Bank posted an increase in net interest income to P784 million from P582.5 million also got a lift from "other income," which reached close to P700 million from P454 million year-on-year.

JG Summit nets P1.72B

JG Summit Holdings Inc., the flagship holding company of the Gokongwei family, posted a net income of P1.72 billion in the first half of this year, up by 31.7 percent from P1.31 billion in the same period last year.

This included non-recurring items such as gain from recovery in value of investments amounting to P455.3 million.

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of Aug. 15, 2003)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	5,000
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	18.25	18.25	18.25	18.25	12,000
Bank of the Phil. Islands	46.5	46.5	45	45.5	425,800
China Banking Corp.	640	640	640	640	110
Citystate Savings Bank	15.25	15.25	15.25	15.25	2,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	34.5	34.5	34	34	322,100
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	30.5	31	30.5	30.5	189,100
Philippine National Bank	25	25.5	25	25	23,200
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	10,000
Security Bank Corp.	19	19	18.75	18.75	29,700
Union Bank of the Phil.	25.5	25.5	25.5	25.5	80,000
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Bankard Inc.	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	26,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1610	1620	1610	1620	90
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1.28	1.44	1.28	1.42	2,005,000
Sun Life Financial Inc.	1190	1190	1190	1190	600
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	23.75	24.75	23.75	24	305,700
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	1,990,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	655	660	650	655	27,300
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.0525	0.0525	0.0525	0.0525	2,200,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.05	0.0525	0.05	0.05	42,200,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	0.59	0.59	0.58	0.58	880,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	530	530	520	520	33,870
Philweb Corp.	0.014	0.014	0.013	0.013	2,800,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	12.5	12.5	12.25	12.25	530,400
Manila Electric Co. B	18.75	18.75	18.5	18.5	2,377,400
Petron Corp.	2	2.02	2	2	2,125,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	241,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.85	2.85	2.8	2.85	579,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	20,000
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.64	1.64	1.64	1.64	100,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.9	2.9	2.85	2.85	151,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	17.25	17.25	17.25	17.25	192,600
San Miguel Corp. A	53.5	54	53.5	54	91,700
San Miguel Corp. B	63	63	63	63	203,600
Universal Robina Corp.	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	5,000
Vitarich Corp.	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	100,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.43	0.48	0.42	0.48	740,000
Abacus Con Res & Hdg B	0.43	0.5	0.43	0.5	100,000
Ayala Corp.	4.7	4.75	4.65	4.7	6,185,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	63,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.039	0.039	0.039	0.039	100,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	119,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	1.6	1.74	1.6	1.74	322,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.6	0.62	0.58	0.61	17,710,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	700,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	600,000
Ever-Gotesco Resources	0.038	0.038	0.036	0.036	2,500,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	17.25	17.5	17.25	17.5	1,114,100
Global Equities Inc.	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	10,000
Ionics Inc.	1.5	1.5	1.46	1.46	261,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.74	740,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.29	0.29	0.28	0.28	1,590,000
Music Corp.	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	700,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.29	0.31	0.28	0.3	1,290,000
East Asia Power Res. Corp.	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	100,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	1	1	1	1	40,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	200,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Interphil Labs Inc. A	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	9,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	1.22	1.32	1.22	1.32	56,000
Pryce Corp.	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	800,000
Spi Technologies Inc.	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	78,800
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	1,220,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.5	0.5	0.48	0.48	220,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	500,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	24	25	24	24.25	748,900
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,400
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Y	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	400
PLDT 10% Pref Series Cc	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,000
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	8,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.4	8,210,000
Araneta Properties Inc.	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	100,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.31	0.32	0.31	0.32	80,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	2,200,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	800,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.04	1.04	1	1	5,538,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	100,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.2	0.22	0.2	0.22	260,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	7,000
SM Development Corp.	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	100,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	2,314,000
MINING					
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.0038	0.0038	0.0038	0.0038	7,000,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	90,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	1,000,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	4,000,000
Omico Corp.	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	19,000,000
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	SHARES	VALUE(P)
Bank & Fin Svc.	3,130,700	43,430,015.00
Comm'l & Ind'l.	214,862,170	209,993,295.00
PRO	19,709,000	72,870,860.00
Mining	32,110,000	402,900.00
OIL	13,300,000	120,900.00
GRAND TOTALS	283,111,870	326,817,970.00

	AVERAGES	
Bank & Fin Svc.	448.63	DOWN 6.81
Comm'l & Ind'l.	1,792.32	DOWN 16.22
PRO	548.52	DOWN 13.81
Mining	1,254.90	DOWN 28.83
OIL	1.44	DOWN 0.04
SME	100.00	UNCH 0.00
All Shares Index	784.25	DOWN 11.49
Composite	1,248.05	DOWN 16.25

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DISCLOSURES

THE BOARD of **Union Cement Corp.** approved the company's acquisition of a controlling stake in **Lucky Cement Philippines Inc.**

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ELECTED directors of **Fil-Estate Land Inc.** were Robert John Sobrepeña, Ferdinand Santos, Noel Carino, Joel Carino, Alice Odchigue-Bondoc, Enrique Sobrepeña Jr. and Rafael Evangelista. Constantino, Guadalquiver, Mendoza and Co. was the appointed external auditor for 2003-2004.

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BANKARD Inc. announced the resignation of Valentin Araneta as director, vice chair of executive committee and member of the compensation committee. Armando Medina was elected new independent director of the company.

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MEDCO Holdings Inc. disclosed that its transfer books were closed last July 23.

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CURRENCIES

August 15, 2003 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.879894	1.000000	54.899000
Japan	Yen	0.007357	0.008361	0.459000
United Kingdom	Pound	1.414166	1.607200	88.233700
Hongkong	Dollar	0.112822	0.128222	7.039300
Switzerland	Franc	0.640669	0.728120	39.973100
Canada	Dollar	0.635579	0.722335	39.655500
Singapore	Dollar	0.502825	0.571461	31.372600
Australia	Dollar	0.577548	0.656383	36.034800
Bahrain	Dinar*	2.334062	2.652661	145.628400
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.234639	0.266667	14.639800
Brunei	Dollar	0.501393	0.569833	31.283300
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000103	0.000117	0.006400
Thailand	Baht	0.021131	0.024015	1.318400
UAE	Dirham	0.239564	0.272264	14.947000
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.136500	62.392700
Argentina	Peso	0.303412	0.344828	18.930700
Brazil	Real	0.292810	0.332779	18.269200
Denmark	Kroner	0.133400	0.151609	8.323200
India	Rupee	0.019207	0.021829	1.198400
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.231582	0.263193	14.449000
Mexico	New Peso	0.082064	0.093266	5.120200
New Zealand	Dollar	0.515976	0.586407	32.193200
Norway	Kroner	0.119313	0.135599	7.444200
Pakistan	Rupee	0.015289	0.017376	0.953900
South Africa	Rand	0.120040	0.136426	7.489700
Korea	Won	0.000748	0.000850	0.046700
Sweden	Kroner	0.107545	0.122225	6.710000
Syria	Pound	0.020950	0.023810	1.307100
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.025668	0.029172	1.601500
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000552	0.000627	0.034400

INTEREST RATES

August 15, 2003-MART1 Rates

Benchmark Interest Rates	MART1 15-Aug-03	MART1 14-Aug-03
1 Month	5.8875	5.9268
3 Months	5.8482	5.9179
6 Months	6.8411	6.8946
1 Year	7.9786	7.9804
2 Years	9.4929	9.3732
3 Years	10.0286	9.9
4 Years	10.3792	10.2464
5 Years	10.5679	10.4946
7 Years	11.3357	11.2661
10 Years	11.8143	11.7161
20 Years	12.1214	12
25 Years	12.4714	12.3768

SOURCE: MART/BLOOMBERG

Jobs, trade data bolster US recovery hopes

WASHINGTON—Signs the erosion in the US jobs market may have drawn to a close and a surprisingly sharp narrowing in America's trade gap offered fresh hope on Thursday the economic recovery was gaining steam.

Initial claims for jobless benefits edged up slightly last week, but for a fourth straight week were below the 400,000 level many economists see as a dividing line between jobs growth and losses, the Labor Department said.

A separate report showed the US trade gap at a smaller-than-expected $39.5 billion in June, down from $41.5 billion in May on the biggest surge in exports in three years.

The government also said wholesale prices inched higher last month, helping keep deflation fears at bay without sparking inflation concerns.

Analysts said the data added to a brightening outlook and the trade numbers implied the economy grew faster than the 2.4 percent annual rate the government reported last month.

"Recent data show plenty of evidence that economic growth is picking up pretty sharply," said Charles Lieberman, chief economist at Advisors Financial Center in Suffern, N.Y.

The show of strength has pushed bond yields up and the benchmark 10-year Treasury yield hit a new one-year high after Thursday's data. Higher market interest rates have kept a lid on stocks, which were up slightly at midday.

Economists said the stability in jobless claims was perhaps the most hopeful sign in Thursday's slew of data, even though they edged up 2,000 to 398,000 last week.

The four-week moving average of claims, which offers a more reliable labor-market guide by smoothing weekly volatility, fell 4,250 to 394,250, the lowest level since mid-February.

The four-week average has now dropped for five straight weeks.

"The numbers finally provide reasonably solid evidence that labor demand is turning," said Jade Zelnik, chief economist at RBS Greenwich Capital.

The economy has shed jobs for six straight months and has lost nearly 2.7 million jobs since sinking into recession in March 2001. Analysts said the claims data hinted at least a little employment growth in August.

In the trade report, the Commerce Department said exports climbed 2.4 percent in June, their largest gain since June 2000, while imports were flat.

Economists said the narrowing in the deficit reflected a weakening in the dollar's value over the past year and might suggest some firming in overseas economies.

"The weaker dollar is finally having some positive impact on the trade balance," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo Bank. *Reuters*

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US, EU draw flak as agri talks start

GENEVA—The globe's two biggest trading powers fielded criticism from the rest of the world Thursday, a day after they reached an unheard-of agreement on how to cut subsidies and duties on agricultural exports.

India's Ambassador to the World Trade Organization, K.M. Chandrasekhar, said the plan "does not reduce the inequities" in worldwide agricultural trade and suggested a string of changes that were needed.

"We've had many sleepless nights trying to put this together," said US chief agriculture negotiator Allen Johnson of the agreement reached with the European Union. "There are a lot of issues that still need to be addressed."

The joint US-EU proposal on agriculture was drawn up in an attempt to break the stalemate in WTO talks that are reaching a crucial point.

In exactly one month's time, trade ministers from all the body's 146 members, meeting in Cancun, Mexico, are supposed to approve a detailed blueprint for negotiations aimed at a treaty to reduce barriers to trade across the globe. That treaty is supposed to be completed by the end of next year.

The agriculture document, presented Wednesday, has received criticism from almost all other WTO members, with some believing it goes too far while others saying it must go further. Some also are concerned that the proposal doesn't give any figures for the amount by which subsidies and tariffs should be cut.

"On the one hand they are complaining that there are no figures, and they are also complaining that the implied level (of cuts) is either too high or too low. You're damned if you do and damned if you don't," said Peter Carl, the EU's Director General for Trade. *AP*

Euro-zone economy falls further

BRUSSELS—With Germany, Italy and the Netherlands in recession and slim hope for recovery by the end of the year, the euro-zone economy, burdened by its strong single currency, is falling farther behind the United States and Japan.

After dismal Italian numbers last week and the confirmation Thursday of continued contractions in the economies of Germany and the Netherlands, the European Commission underscored the gloom with a forecast of third-quarter growth in the euro zone at 0.4 percent, at best.

The commission—the European Union's executive arm — did not even rule out the risk of stagnation and, for the final three months of the year forecast miniscule growth between 0.2 percent and 0.6 percent.

The news out of Germany for the second quarter alone is frankly depressing: According to the Federal Statistics Office, the euro zone's biggest economy remained in recession with a contraction of 0.1 percent of gross domestic product from the previous quarter. On a 12-month baGDP fell 0.6 percent.

Across the border in the Netherlands, the situation was worse as the Dutch economy shrank in the second quarter on a scale not seen since a major crisis in the early 1980s.

Dutch GDP plunged for the third straight quarter, by 0.5 percent from the previous quarter and by 0.9 percent from a year earlier.

In such a context, with Italy also mired in recession after 0.1 percent declines in both the first and second quarters, the zero growth in the 12-nation euro zone announced Thursday by the EU's statistics office Eurostat hardly came as a surprise. *AFP*

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US productivity may be more mirage than miracle

NEW YORK—For many in the Wall Street rat-race, the much-touted US productivity "miracle" looks more like a mirage, and a faint one at that.

Productivity, a measure of worker efficiency, has long been the poster-child of Federal Reserve Chief Alan Greenspan.

During the late 1990s boom, the central banker often hailed the improvements as the foundation for a "new economy" that could sustain soaring growth rates.

But analysts have real problems with the way this new paradigm is measured, suspecting it is both overstated and overblown.

"America's productivity saga has become the most abused concept in today's macro debate," argues Stephen Roach, chief economist at Morgan Stanley.

Productivity is a measure of output per worker and is simple enough to gauge in an area like manufacturing. If a company makes cars, the more cars its workers produce in a given period of time, the more productive they are.

The trouble arises, economists note, when the same calculus is transferred to the services sector, which employs around 80 percent of the country's workforce but whose output is not nearly as easy to quantify.

Just last week, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported a staggering 5.7 percent jump in productivity during the second quarter. But exactly how much output the service sector produced in that period is any number-cruncher's guess.

For instance, how does one measure the productivity of a secretary? Is it the number of letters she can type per day or how many meetings she can arrange? What about a flight attendant or a waiter? There are no easy answers, nor does the government have a single standard that works across industries.

"Do we really have a clue how to measure white-collar productivity in the ever-amorphous services sector? The short answer is no—not even close," explained Roach in a research note.

One of the most obvious flaws in the government's measure of productivity is the estimate for total hours worked. Gross underestimates are particularly striking in the financial services industry. *Reuters*

Singapore June retail sales down

SINGAPORE—Singapore's retail sales fell in June against May as expected, when consumers stopped spending on new cars, telephones and computers after the deadly SARS outbreak faded.

The total value of retail sales in June stood at S$1.9 billion ($1.09 billion) compared with S$1.987 billion in May.

The retail sales index for June fell a seasonally adjusted 8.9 percent from May, reversing three straight months of gains, government data on Friday showed. Economists polled by Reuters had expected sales to drop by a median 4.5 percent.

However, aggressive discounting by retailers and the return of tourists helped retail sales in Singapore to rise 9.6 percent in the year to June.

But after a strong surge in May, retail sales fell back in June although, when motor vehicle sales are excluded, the index was up 6.5 percent month-on-month.

The same Reuters poll of 10 financial institutions found a median forecast for retail sales to rise 14.2 percent in the year to June, with forecasts ranging from 6.5 percent to 31 percent.

The annual six-week long Great Singapore Sale promotion, which began at the end of May, saw retailers slashing prices to lure shoppers back into the malls after Singapore was taken off the World Health Organization's list of SARS-infected areas.

Department store sales rose 5.9 percent in June versus May, but spending at supermarkets fell 8.6 percent.

Spending on cars fizzled in June, with motor vehicles falling 14.9 percent against May, and telecommunications equipment down 11.7 percent.

Tourist arrivals rose 47 percent in June from the previous month, after plummeting to a record low of 72 percent in May. *Reuters*

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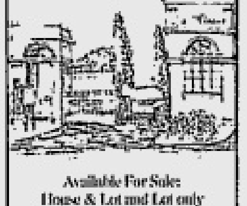

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10)	Mohammad Lacman Abdul Usman Lacman	Polomolok, South Cotabato	Mona Lacman SS # 09-0953586-7	August 26, 1997
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23)	Rosalina Ribon	Calapan, Oriental Mindoro	Leonardo R. Ribon SS # 04-0332642-0	October 5, 2002
24)	Corazon Dano Olivia D. Ricafort	Ligao, Albay	Arturo O. Ricafort SS # 03-3707042-8	May 21, 2003
25)	Estela Marcolita	162-A Kamuning, Quezon City	Edilberto C. Rosal SS # 03-3621995-0	January 4, 2003
26)	Rufina/Rufino Santiago	Unknown	Benedicta Santiago SS # 01-0138706-2	December 6, 1995
27)	Teodoro G. Sungahid	Unknown	Maria Fe M. Sungahid SS # 06-0932579-1	March 27, 2003
28)	Rosie Ablao	16A 12th Ave., Cubao, Q.C./Bagong Silang I Labo, Camarines Sur	Ernesto G. Tolentino SS # 03-0770997-8	June 22, 2003
29)	Revelina O. Valdez	Unknown	Alfredo V. Valdez SS # 03-1923869-9	October 14, 2002
30)	Gloria Belolo	Unknown	Antonio Yap SS # 03-0746804-3	May 14, 2003

-- Nothing follows --

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UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

A. The University of the Philippines Diliman hereby invites all interested parties to apply for eligibility to bid for:

Canteen Concessions in Colleges and Dormitories

B. Prospective bidders must meet the following basic requirements:
1. At least one (1) million (P1,000,000.00) capitalization/stockholders equity;
2. With existing canteen concession/s and two (2) years operational experience.

C. The following eligibility requirements in two copies, duly certified must be submitted to the Supply and Property Management Office (SPMO) at Instructional Materials Corp. Building
(National Book Development Board), A. Regidor Street fronting the PAG-ASA Astronomical Observatory, U.P. Campus, Diliman, Quezon City, to form the basis for evaluation and assessment for pre-qualification of bidders:
1. SEC/DTI/Cooperative Development Registration Papers
2. 2003 Business License/Permit
3. Income Tax Return for the last two (2) years (2001 & 2002) with accompanying Audited Financial Statements marked 'RECEIVED' by the BIR
4. Company Profile
5. List of clients (past and present) with corresponding contract costs, references and supporting documents
6. List of company equipment and other assets
7. Statement of the company that it is not "blacklisted" or barred from bidding by any government agency, offices or corporations

DETAILED SPECIFICATION WILL BE LISTED IN THE BID DOCUMENTS

The above mentioned requirements must be completely submitted in two (2) separate folders with Table of Contents and properly tabbed. Otherwise, the same will not be accepted by the SPMO

NOTE: ONLY ELIGIBLE BIDDERS WILL BE ISSUED THE BID DOCUMENTS AND ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BIDDING.

D. Deadline for submission: August 29, 2003

E. Pre-bidding and bidding schedules shall be announced to all eligible bidders

F. The University of the Philippines reserves the right to review the qualifications of all selected bidders subject to technical, financial and production criteria, reject any or all bids, waive any formality or defect therein and accept the offer considered to be most advantageous to the University.

G. For further particular, please inquire from Mr. Pedro E. Fajardo, Chief-SPMO, anytime during office hours at the above mentioned address or call Tel. No. 920-5374 (direct line) and 920-5301 local 4331, 4911 and 4913, or contact Prof. Mary Delia G. Tomacruz, Director, U.P. Business Concessions Office (BCO) at Tel. No. 925-6996 and 920-5301 local 7926.

(Sgd.) **EMERLINDA R. ROMAN**
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Lot 1–Townhouse LA: 44sqm FA: 34sqm
L7 B36 Blubird St, Northridge Subd, Bgy Sto Cristo, SJDM City
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 107,000

Lot 2–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 200sqm FA: 747sqm
Provincial Rd, Sitio San Pedro, Purok 7, Area P Sapang Palay, SJDM City
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 2,439,000

Lot 3–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 248sqm FA: 240sqm
104 Cadena de Amor St, Aldo Heights Subd, Bulihan, Malolos
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,040,000

Lot 4–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 402sqm FA: 302sqm
Lots 5, 6 & 7, B4 Bgy Caniogan, Malolos
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 765,000

Lot 5–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 181sqm FA: 150sqm
230 Nolasco St, Pulong Gubat, Balagtas
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 664,000

Lot 6–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 300sqm FA: 90sqm
L25 B1 Isaac Pearl St, Ciudad Real Subd, Ph I, Tungkong Mangga, SJDM City
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 536,000

Lot 7–Lot Only LA: 233sqm
Green Plains Subd, San Marcos, Calumpit
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 595,000

Lot 8–Lot Only LA: 220sqm
Green Plains Subd, San Marcos, Calumpit
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 561,000

Lot 9–Lot Only LA: 200sqm
L14 B8 Eucalyptus St, Green Plains Subd, San Marcos, Calumpit
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 510,000

Lot 10–Lot Only LA: 338sqm
Cor Gen Luna & R Salas Sts, Ciudad Real Ph II, Tungkong Mangga, SJDM City
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Lot 11–Lot Only LA: 138sqm
L26 B6 Meyland Vill, Bgy Lawa, Meycauayan
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 294,000

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L27 B6 Meyland Vill, Bgy Lawa, Meycauayan
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 294,000

Lot 13–Lot Only LA: 138sqm
L28 B6 Meyland Vill, Bgy Lawa, Meycauayan
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Lot 14–Lot Only LA: 138sqm
L29 B6 Meyland Vill, Bgy Lawa, Meycauayan
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 294,000

Lot 15–Lot Only LA: 138sqm
L30 B6 Meyland Vill, Bgy Lawa, Meycauayan
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 294,000

Lot 16–Lot Only LA: 138sqm
L31 B6 Meyland Vill, Bgy Lawa, Meycauayan
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 294,000

Lot 17–Lot Only LA: 279sqm
San Carlos St, Rosaryville Subd, Sta Cruz, Guiguinto
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 475,000

Lot 18–Lot Only LA: 176sqm
461 (old) 109 (new) San Vicente St, Bgy Fatima III, Area F, Sapang Palay, SJDM City
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 94,000

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Better Living, Bunducan, Bocaue
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 164,000

LAS PIÑAS

Lot 20–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 560sqm FA: 681sqm
11 Doña Manuela Ave, Manuela Subd
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 4,855,000

Lot 21–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 248sqm FA: 149sqm
L11 B7 Meteor St, Moonwalk Subd
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,162,000

Lot 22–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 240sqm FA: 92sqm
41 Tindalo Rd, Pilar Vill Ph IV
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MAKATI CITY

Lot 23–Condo FA: 157sqm
Unit 5A LPL Towers, Legaspi St, Legaspi Vill
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Lot 25–Lot Only LA: 347sqm
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Lot 26–Lot Only LA: 309sqm
1720 Escuela St Guadalupe
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MANDALUYONG CITY

Lot 27–Townhouse LA: 38.5sqm FA: 101sqm
Unit F6 RSG L Townhomes, Calbayog St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 858,000

Lot 28–Lot Only LA: 243sqm
909 Busilak Street, Barangay Barangka Drive
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 3,099,000

MARIKINA CITY

Lot 29–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 420sqm FA: 206sqm
54 Aguinaldo St, Industrial Valley Subd
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 3,653,000

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Lot 30–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 180sqm FA: 330sqm
Rd Lot 3 R M Tiosejo Subd, Tunasan
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 2,383,000

Lot 31–Lot Only LA: 359sqm
Everlasting Circle, South Greenheights Subd, Putatan, Muntinlupa
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 763,000

PARAÑAQUE CITY

Lot 32–Condo FA: 76.4sqm
Penthouse E, Isabelle Mansion, L P. Leviste Ave, Sun Valley, Bgy Merville
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,091,000

Lot 33–Condo FA: 76.4sqm
Penhouse G, Isabelle Mansion, L.P. Leviste Ave, Sun Valley, Bgy Merville
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,091,000

Lot 34–Condo FA: 48sqm
Penthouse L, Isabelle Mansion, L.P. Leviste Avenue, Sun Valley, Brangay Merville
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 686,000

Lot 35–Condo FA: 29.65sqm
Penthouse A, Isabelle Mansion, L.P. Leviste Ave, Sun Valley, Bgy Merville
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 424,000

Lot 36–Condo FA: 26.8sqm
4-F, Isabelle Mansion, L.P Leviste Ave, Sun Valley, Bgy Merville
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 359,000

Lot 37–Condo FA: 26.8sqm
4-F, Isabelle Mansion, L.P. Leviste Ave, Sun Valley, Bgy Merville
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 359,000

Lot 38–Condo FA: 22.3sqm
4-D, Isabelle Mansion, L P Leviste Ave, Sun Valley, Bgy Merville
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 299,000

Lot 39–Condo FA: 22.3sqm
3-L, Isabelle Mansion, L P. Leviste Ave, Sun Valley, Bgy Merville
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 299,000

Lot 40–Townhouse LA: 78.75sqm FA: 62sqm
L4 B1, Prince Court I, El Dorado Ave, Better Living
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 537,000

Lot 41–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 397sqm FA: 156sqm
Elizalde cor W Vinzons St, B F Homes
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 3,317,000

Lot 42–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 280sqm FA: 92sqm
89 Chico St, BF Homes II
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,635,000

Lot 43–Lot Only LA: 193sqm
L6 B1 Purity St, Remanville Subd, Bgy Don Bosco
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 362,000

PASIG CITY

Lot 44–Condo FA: 181sqm
Unit 1103 Manila Luxury Condo, Pearl Drive cor Golden Loop, Ortigas Ctr
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Unit 504 Crisanta Towers, Captain Javier St, Bgy Oranbo
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 5,074,000

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L10 B7 Marcelo St, Suarezville Subd, Bgy Pinagbuhatan
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Lot 47–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 399sqm FA: 113sqm
41 Gen Delgado St, San Antonio Vill
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 9,862,000

Lot 48–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 210sqm FA: 296sqm
15 Camia St, De Castro Homesite, Bgy Sta Lucia, Rosario
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 980,000

QUEZON CITY

Lot 49–Condo FA: 79.63sqm
Unit 803 Garden Island Condoville Bldg. 1, #34 N. Domingo
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,896,000

Lot 50–Townhouse LA: 50sqm FA: 100sqm
L3 B2 Rd Lot 3 Town & Country Gardenville Ph 2, Bgy Bahay Toro, Proj 8
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,131,000

Lot 51–Townhouse LA: 72sqm FA: 126sqm
Unit A4 La Maison Townhouse, Col. Boni Serrano Ave cor Katipunan Rd
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,418,000

Lot 52–Condo FA: 72.75sqm
Unit 404 Adelina II Condo, Columbia cor Imperial St.
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,237,000

Lot 53–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 172.3sqm FA: 195sqm
115 A Luna St, Proj 4
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 2,128,000

Lot 55–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 550sqm FA: 95sqm
5 Don Francisco St. Villa Beatriz Subd, Old Balara, Capitol Dist
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,485,000

Lot 56–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 300sqm FA: 102sqm
9 Alden St, North Fairview
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,653,000

Lot 57–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 100.95sqm FA: 167sqm
38 Marang St, Proj 2
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,512,000

Lot 58–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 200sqm FA: 112sqm
L8 B26 Talisay St, Greenfield Subd II, Novaliches
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 930,000

Lot 59–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 181sqm FA: 76sqm
39 San Ignacio St, Bgy Gulod, Novaliches
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 676,000

Lot 60–Lot Only LA: 355.75sqm
L7 B1 Interior Calderon St. Bgy Marilag, Proj 4
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 2,268,000

Lot 61–Lot Only LA: 820sqm
L19 B10 Sunnyside Hts Matandang Balara
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,952,000

Lot 62–Lot Only LA: 204sqm
1020N4 Milestone Ave Ext Cmpd, Pasong Tamo
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 867,000

Lot 63–Lot Only LA: 462sqm
L8 B9 Sunnyside Subd, Capitol Dist, Matandang Balara
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,213,000

Lot 64–Lot Only LA: 300sqm
L15 B203 Milflores St, Geneva Gardens, Neopolitan Homes Vill, Fairview
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 1,275,000

SAN JUAN

Lot 65–Condo FA: 180.75sqm
Unit 14A, One Beverly Place Condo, #35 Annapolis St
Minimum Bid Price: PhP 6,146,000

VALENZUELA

Lot 66–Lot&Imprvmnt LA: 240sqm FA: 135sqm
Sampaguita cor Dama De Noche Sts, Sta. Lucia Vill I, Bgy Vicente Reales
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National Transmission Corporation

Date : 14 August, 2003
Reference No. ____________

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

1. Contract Code **Sp02.QSSP.Ve-0336**
Title **Construction, Erection and Installation of 138 & 69KV Substation Equipment for Quiot Substation**
Location **Cebu City**

2. The works to be completed by the successful bidder shall consist of furnishing all superintendence, labor, materials, supplies, tools and equipment (except materials and equipment specified to be furnished by TRANSCO), and constructing complete the substation and installing substation equipment to complete the Construction Erection and Installation of 138 & 69kV Substation Equipment for Quiot Substation in accordance with the Plans and Specifications. The work also includes construction of new control house, guardhouse, genset/pump house, oil water separator and water tank and water tank foundation.

3. The Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid is FORTY NINE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE (PHP49,700,153.00) from the Internal Cash Generation (ICG) of National Transmission Corporation.

4. Application for Eligibility is open to Filipino contractors who have the legal, technical and financial requisites of the contract/project to be bid with the following License and Registration Particulars:
License Particular : at least "Category AA - Specialty: Electrical Works"
Registration Particular at least "Large A - Specialty: Electrical Works"

5. Application for Eligibility shall be evaluated using "PASS/FAIL" criteria and only Eligible Bidders shall be invited by Transco in the bidding. All bids equal to or lower than the Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid shall be evaluated based on the responsiveness of the contractor's offer to the contract under bidding subject to Postqualification before an award is made. Bid Prices submitted higher than the Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid shall be rejected and returned outright

6. Eligibility Documents and Forms will be available for issuance on August 14, 2003 at the Bids and Contracts Management Department, Ground flr , Transco Bldg Power Complex, Building No. 2, NPC OBC, National Transmission Corporation Agham Road corner Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City 1104, Telefax No.: 921 2308 upon presentation of Letter of Intent, Contractor's License and a payment of non-refundable fee of P800 00 per copy.

7. Deadline for submission of duly accomplished Application for Eligibility, Forms documents and statements shall be on or before September 12, 2003 and shall be submitted at the registration office and address mentioned above. If the date is a non-working day or declared non-working day, the deadline for submission shall be moved to the next working day immediately following said date. Late submission and/or incomplete application shall not be accepted.

8. Contractor, not yet included in the Transco's List of Registered Contractors, who wishes to participate in the public bidding, in order to facilitate eligibility check/screening, are requested to register with the registration office mentioned above by submitting the following basic requirements which should be maintained current and updated at least once a year. A Certificate of Registration will be issued to contractors upon approval.
Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) business name registration or Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) registration certificate, as appropriate.
Mayor's permit and/or municipal license for the current year:
Taxpayer's Identification Number,
Notarized statement of the prospective bidder that it is not "blacklisted" or barred from bidding by any government agency, office or corporation, including, in the case of procurement of civil works, non-inclusion in the "blacklist" or contractors issued by the CIAP.
Audited financial statements, stamped "received" by the BIR or its duly accredited and authorized institutions, for the immediately preceding calendar year, showing, among others, the prospective bidder's total and current assets and liabilities inclusive of Income Tax Return and Receipts;
- Contractor's License.

9. TRANSCO reserves the right to reject any Application or all Bids or request for registration without offering any reasons, waive any required formality therein and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government

10. Additional information shall be furnished upon request. All communications should be addressed to the undersigned at the aforementioned address

(Sgd.) **WINIFREDO SM. PANGILINAN**
Chairman
Bids and Awards Committee

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TransCo
National Transmission Corporation

Date : August 14, 2003
Reference No.

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

1. Contract Code **Sp99.N4P4.Vc-0282**
Title **Construction, Erection and Installation of 138 & 69KV Substation Equipment under the Negros IV - Panay IV Substation Projects, Schedule III - Panitan Substation**
Location **Brgy. Timpas, Panitan, Capiz**

2. The works to be completed by the successful bidder shall consist of furnishing all superintendence, labor, materials, supplies, tools and equipment (except materials and equipment specified to be furnished by TRANSCO), and constructing complete the substation and installing substation equipment to complete the Construction Erection and Installation of 138 & 69kV Substation Equipment for Schedule III - Panitan Substation in accordance with the Plans and Specifications. The work also includes expansion of the existing control house and construction of new genset/pump house

3. The Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid is TWENTY THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY & 00/100 (PHP23,821,280.00) from the Internal Cash Generation (ICG) of National Transmission Corporation.

4. Application for Eligibility is open to Filipino contractors who have the legal, technical and financial requisites of the contract/project to be bid with the following License and Registration Particulars:
License Particular at least "Category A - Specialty: Electrical Works"
Registration Particular at least "Medium B - Specialty: Electrical Works"

5. Application for Eligibility shall be evaluated using "PASS/FAIL" criteria and only Eligible Bidders shall be invited by Transco in the bidding. All bids equal to or lower than the Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid shall be evaluated based on the responsiveness of the contractor's offer to the contract under bidding subject to Postqualification before an award is made. Bid Prices submitted higher than the Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid shall be rejected and returned outright

6. Eligibility Documents and Forms will be available for issuance on August 14, 2003 at the Bids and Contracts Management Department, Ground Floor, Transco Bldg., Power Complex, Building No. 2, NPC OBC, National Transmission Corporation, Agham Road corner Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City 1104, Telefax No.: 921-2308 upon presentation of Letter of Intent, Contractor's License and a payment of non-refundable fee of P1,000.00 per copy.

7. Deadline for submission of duly accomplished Application for Eligibility, Forms documents and statements shall be on or before September 12, 2003 and shall be submitted at the registration office and address mentioned above. If the date is a non-working day or declared non-working day, the deadline for submission shall be moved to the next working day immediately following said date. Late submission and/or incomplete application shall not be accepted.

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Mayor's permit and/or municipal license for the current year:
Taxpayer's Identification Number,
Notarized statement of the prospective bidder that it is not "blacklisted" or barred from bidding by any government agency, office or corporation, including, in the case of procurement of civil works, non-inclusion in the 'blacklist' or contractors issued by the CIAP
Audited financial statements, stamped "received" by the BIR or its duly accredited and authorized institutions, for the immediately preceding calendar year, showing, among others, the prospective bidder's total and current assets and liabilities inclusive of Income Tax Return and Receipts,
Contractor's License

9. TRANSCO reserves the right to reject any application or all Bids or request for registration without offering any reasons, waive any required formality therein and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

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Josefina Verzosa Orosa

Falleció en la gracia de Nuestro Señor
el 13 de agosto de 2003 a los 72 años.

Sus hijos, Victoria Eliza y Enrico Gregorio Trinidad, Patrick, y Luisa Verónica; el padre de los hijos, Ramón S. Orosa; nieto Anthony Trinidad; hermana Teresita V. Little; cuñados, sobrinos, parientes y amigos ruegan oraciones para el eterno descanso de su alma.

La capilla ardiente está instalada en la Capilla del Señor, en el Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati City.

Se celebrará una misa a las 7:00 de la tarde todos los dias.

Asimismo, se celebrará una misa a las 9:00 de la mañana el lunes, 18 de agosto, en el Santuario de San Antonio tras la cual procederá a la cremación.

Our Sincere Thanks

To all who offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy, kept vigil, attended funeral rites, and in one way or another condoled with us during our moment of deepest sorrow on the passing away of...

Milagros Clavano Paraiso
(who joined her Creator on July 27, 2003)

From the PARAISO Family

"Behold my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved in whom I delight." *Matthew 12:18*

Esteban Adjusters and Valuers, Inc.
mourns the death of

FRANCISCO P. SUYAT, JR.

who joined his Creator peacefully on 12 August 2003
at the age of 60.

Frank was born on 1 July 1943 in Sta. Elena, Vigan, Ilocos Sur. Frank will be lovingly remembered by his beloved wife Josefa, sons Allan, Danilo, Prestoline and Gilbert, daughters-in-law Ma. Teresa and Janice, and grandchildren Frances Janine, Daniel Joven and Andrea Josefina.

Frank graduated with a B.S. Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering Degree from the Namei Polytechnic Institute. He was the Vice President-Operations of Esteban Adjusters and Valuers, Inc.

His Lord God was an important part of his Life. Honestly, integrity, respect and love for family and others can best describe his character.

Frank now lies at rest at the Barangay Hall No. 524 Zone 52, Basilio Street, Sampaloc, Manila. A prayer service will be held on 15 August 2003 at 7:00 p.m. His remains will be taken to Vigan, Ilocos Sur.

"Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
Matthew 10:39

We, the family and relatives of the late

REMEDIOS LEBRON JOTA LARA

who was reborn into eternal life
and joined her Creator on July 8, 2003
at the age of 76.

wish to convey our heartfelt gratitude to all those who paid their last respect and grieved with us, offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers, messages of sympathy, kept vigil, were present at the Necrological services, novena Masses, funeral rites and who in various ways gave us comfort at the time of our geat loss and sorrow.

LOURDES PALMA DELA PEÑA

Died on August 15, 2003
at the age of 74.

Her loving husband, NARDING; children JUN, ED, GARY, and JOLLY; daughters-in-law NONETTE and LINE and grandsons RB and LENARD & relatives mourn her passing and wish her eternal rest.

Her body lies in state at Loyola Memorial Chapels, Premiere 1.

Interment will be on August 17, 2003 at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina after the 1:00 p.m. Mass at Nuestra Señora de Gracia, Guadalupe Viejo, Makati City.

Jose "Pepe" Batica De Veyra

Peacefully joined our Creator
on August 12, 2003

His loving wife Alma, children Chiqui, Janna, Yvette, Jayvee, brothers, sisters, relatives & friends request the readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

Interment will be on August 20, 2003 in Legazpi City.

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Immaculate Conception Parish, Lantana, Cubao, QC	6:00 PM
Mt. Carmel Church, E. Rodriguez, New Manila, QC	6:00 PM
Christ the King Seminary, E. Rodriguez, QC	6:00 PM
Carmelite Convent, Gilmore, QC	6:30 AM

His family requests their relatives, friends and the pious readers to pray for his eternal repose.

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INVITATION FOR RE-BIDDING
HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR ALL QUALIFIED
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC ESTATES AUTHORITY
AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

PEA is inviting health maintenance offices to submit pre-qualification documents for the re-bidding of the health care services for all qualified officers and employees of PEA and their dependents, under the same terms and conditions of the 1st bidding. Pre-qualified bidders are automatically considered to participate in this rebidding.

Interested parties may acquire pre-qualification forms from the Office of the Chairman of the BAC, 8th Floor, Legaspi Towers 200, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City from **August 11 to 18, 2003** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00.

The duly accomplished pre-qualification documents must be received on or before 5:00 p.m., **20 August 2003** at the Office of the Chairman of the BAC, 8th Floor, Legaspi Towers 200, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City.

The approved budget cost for the health care services is P1,880,000.00, chargeable against the PEA Personnel Services Benefits fund. The contract for health care services shall be for a period of one (1) year.

Pre-bid conference shall be held on **August 25, 2003** at 2:00 p.m. at the PEA Conference Room. Deadline of submission of bids will be on **August 29, 2003** at 10:00 a.m., and the opening of bids will be at 2:00 p.m. of the same day.

Insurance Brokers/Agents and Disqualified HMOs in the 1st prequalification will not be entertained in this re-bidding.

The PEA reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any formality or technicality and to award to the bidder whose proposal is deemed most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) **ARMINDA A. ALARAS**
Chairman, BAC

Approved:
(Sgd.) **TEODORICO C. TAGUINOD**
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Speakers are: Nina G. Infortuno, Ateneo Graduate School Professor In Advertising, Marketing Excellence Cluster; Ricardo C. de Vera, President, Pinpoint Direct Consultancy Center; Stephanie Dychiu, Managing Director, Custom Publishing, Summit Publishing; and Miguel C. Ramos, President, Aspac Advertising, Inc.

Schedule : August 26, 27 & 29, 2003 (Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday)
1:00 P.M.– 6:00 P.M.
ACCEED – AIM Conference Center, Makati City

Course Fee : Early Bird Rate (up to August 15, 2003 ONLY)

PMA Member	P 4,700.00
Non-PMA Member	P 5,500.00

Regular Rate (August 16, 2003 onwards)

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For inquiries, please call the PMA Secretariat c/o Ms. Lydia Mariñas at tels: 893-7127; 813-0466; 892-3144 or fax: 892-3261; 893-8099 * E-mail: pma@philonline.com or lydiamm@edsamail.com.ph

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For more information or to register, please call ED Event Movers at 413-64-36 to 37 and look for Carol Ladip.

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VISITOR PROFILE. Invited to the show are Investors, Entrepreneurs, Motorcycle and Automotive Enthusiasts, Dealers and Distributors, Decision Makers, Relevant Organizations, Relevant Government Agencies, and the General Public.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

August, 2003
Loan No. 1750-PH. TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Contract No. ADBTES-01

1. The Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of the Technical Education and Skills Development Project (TESDP), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contracts for the supply, delivery, installation, testing and training of end-users representatives of various Computing Equipment for Educational Management Information Systems (EMIS) and Multimedia Equipment for Courseware Development (ADBTES-01).

2. The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the supply, delivery, installation, testing and training of end-users representatives of various items such as computers, servers, printers and other related equipment for use in TESDP.

3. The procurement will be conducted in accordance with ADB's International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedure, single stage one envelope, and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the TESDA and inspect the Bidding Document from 9:00-4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday from August 18, 2003 at the address given in Item 10 below.

5. The Bidding Document, in the English language, may be purchased by the interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below beginning August 18, 2003 and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Philippine pesos 2,500.00 to the TESDA Cashier with office at 3rd Floor, TESDA Administrative Building, TESDA Compound, East Service Road, South Superhighway, Taguig, Metro Manila. Foreign bidders may pay US$45.00, payable to TESDA, through the following accounts:

   BSP Account No. 021085295 with Federal Reserve Bank of New York for further credit to Treasurer of the Philippines FCD Dollar Account.

   The method of payment will either be in certified bank cheque or cash. The document will be couriered or sent through registered mail. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.

6. A Pre-Bid Conference with interested eligible Bidders will be held on September 15, 2003, 2:00 pm at the address below, during which all clarifications related to the bidding shall be discussed. Bidders' representatives are invited to participate in the said conference.

7. Bid must be delivered to the address below at or before 12:00 noon on October 15, 2003, accompanied with a Bid Security of not less than 2% of the amount of the bid. Late Bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below on October 15, 2003 at 2:00 PM.

8. TESDA will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.

9. In the comparison of Bids, ADB's Domestic Preference Scheme will be applied in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the bidding document.

10. The address is:

    Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
    TESDA Compound
    East Service Road, South Superhighway
    Taguig, Metro Manila
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    Contact : The Bid and Award Committee Chairman
    Telephone : (63 2) 8188829
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(Sgd.) **DR. ALCESTIS M. GUIANG**
(Project Director TESDP)
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INVITATION TO BID

Interested parties are invited to pre-qualify and bid for

CONTRACT FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES
Approved Budget : Php1,950,000.00

Only pre-qualified bidders shall be allowed to participate in the Public Bidding to be held on September 22, 2003 at the SRA Social Hall of the Sugar Regulatory Administration, North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City at 10:00 a.m.

Prequalification forms may be secured from the Secretariat, 3rd Floor, SRA Annex Building of the same address starting August 11 and the deadline for submission of said requirements shall be on August 21, 2003.

The list of qualified bidders shall be released on August 26. Thereafter, bid forms shall be issued for a non-refundable cost of Php500.00/set.

A pre-bid conference shall be held on September 5, at the SRA Social Hall at 10:00 a.m.

For inquiries, please call:
The Bidding Secretariat - Telephone No. 929-6837

The SRA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any formalities or defect therein and to accept any or all offers that may be considered most advantageous to the SRA

(Sgd.) **JAMES C. LEDESMA**
Administrator

Note: This cancels previous Invitation to Bid published on June 7 & 14, 2003

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Interested applicants may

Email their CV/Resumé in MS Word format indicating the Code of the position applying for and send to kenai@netexecutive.com on or before August 22, 2003.

Or submit at 16-A LPL Plaza, 124 Leviste Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City 1209

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture
Philippine Rice Research Institute
Maligaya, Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), invites parties/contractors duly registered with CIAP to apply for eligibility and if found eligible to bid for the contracts of:

Project Description & Approved Budget	CIAP Category & License Classification	Contract Duration
1) Seed Warehouse (P5.8 M) 2) Research & Development Building (P8.5 M)	Minimum Category is Medium A	150 Calendar days

Projects/Contracts location is at Murcia, Negros Occidental.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES	VENUE	DATE/TIME
Issuance of Registration Requirement Forms to applicant contractors for Eligibility	PhilRice-Visayas Office	August 18 - 20, 2003 8:00 - 5:00
Submission/Acceptance of documents for Prequalification/Eligibility	PhilRice-Visayas Office	August 26, 2003 8:00 - 5:00
Issuance of Bid/Tender Documents	PhilRice-Visayas Office	September 3, 2003 8:00 - 5:00
Site Inspection (Cansilayan, Murcia, Negros Occidental)	PhilRice-Visayas Office	September 9, 2003 2:00 PM
Pre-Bid Conference	PhilRice-Visayas Office	September 19, 2003 2:00 PM
Bidding Proper	PhilRice-Central Office Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija	October 3, 2003 2:00 PM

Eligibility requirement forms shall be available at the PhilRice-Visayas Office located at 5th, 2nd Road (former Dr. Halili's residence), Hermilinda Homes, Mansilingan, Bacolod City, upon submission of a letter of intent (addressed to the PhilRice BAC Chair) and payment of a non-refundable fee of Php 500.00.

Bid Proposal Forms/Tender Documents shall be issued only to eligible contractors upon payment of non-refundable fee of Php 2,000.00 per project/contract.

PhilRice reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids thereof, waive any formalities found therein or to accept or reject any or to award to any contractor whose bids is considered most advantageous to PhilRice and/or to the government.

(Sgd.) **LEOCADIO S. SEBASTIAN**
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Leisure Farms' 'Go Organic'

LEISURE Farms, the country's first residential hobby farming and agro-tourism development, is read to introduce to the lot owners and invited guests Organic Farming as much more than pesticide-free fertilizer, safe methods, and healthy crops this coming Sunday, Aug. 17, from 9:30 a.m. onwards.

Dubbed "Go Organic", Leisure Farms' on-site event will be a refreshing day of family fun and entertainment, offering outdoor activities such as horseback-riding and organic shopping at the pick n' pay - a fruit and vegetable market - and more, giving visitors a taste of the Leisure Farms expereince. The event will also feature games and quizzles for the kids, live music and delicacies from the Gourmet corner, a preview of what to expect from the Village Store. Designed to reflect the agro-tourism capability of Leisure Farms, the Village Store will be a shopping venue for the project's high-quality produce, farms seeds and supplies and unique Filipino products.

The event will also launch Leisure Farms Organic Integrated Model Farms' Organic Integrated Model Farm that will showcase the wonders of organic farming in Leisure Farms' Demo Farms during the day. With a little over 2,000 sqm for the organic model farm, the all-natural organic farm will demonstrate sustainable agriculture and will feature a sanctuary teahouse, a garden with all kinds of fresh, hi-quality organic produce, as well as an herbal garden for culinary and medical uses.

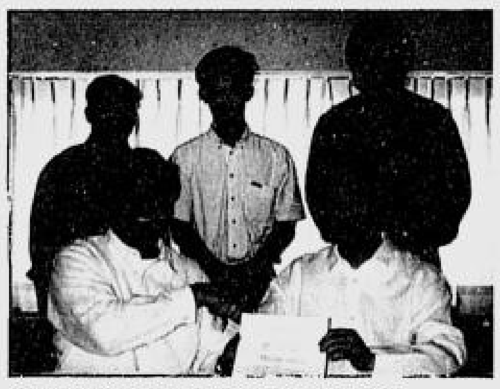
The organic technology is the newest modern farming technology to be used in the farm, aside from hydroponics, coffe, vermicomposting, and Harvest hybrid seeds. The organic model farm is part of the agro-tourism complex, an area in the Demo Farms that will feature differnt exciting educational and interactive agricultural attractions. The model farms' environment-friendly technology will be made available to resident farmers to utilize their own farms.

There will be an open house on Aug. 16. For more information, call 807-8754 to 58 local 375 or 0920-910145 and visit www.leisurefamrs.com or www.landcopacific.com.

Leisure Farms, a quality development of Landco Pacific Corp., can be accessed through Diokno Highway from Aguinaldo Highway, Tagaytay.

'JOLLIBEE ON WHEELS': FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY
Jollibee has made another milestone in Philippine history as it brings its 'langhap-sarap' goodness closer to the Filipinos through its 'Jollibee on Wheels'. This rolling store is the first of its kind in the food industry as it serves Filipinos in search of the 'langhap-sarap' flavor in various festivals all over the country. 'Jollibee on Wheels' is a six-wheeler truck with custom-made high standard kitchen equipment, offering all-time favorite Jollibee menu. Photo shows the 'Jollibee on Wheels' making its debut at the Panagbenga Festival in Baguio City, catering to thousands of the Filipinos and foreigners who flocked to the flower festival event.

GLOBE ACADEMY OPENING
At the opening of Globe Academy, Nancy Liu, school directress, and Karen Fenix Dy, school administrator formally cut the ribbon, recently held at Makati City. Apart from the regular subjects the school also offer dancing, art and aerobics for children. Regular flower arrangement and handicraft classes are offered for adults. The school is located at #8055 Estrella Ave., San Antonio Village Makati City.



CHONGQING MOA SIGNING
MOA Signing between Chongqing Heavenbest Exhibition (Organizer) and PEPgroup (Event Manager) to hold the '2003 China Chongqing Trade Expo' (Phil) from Aug. 14-17, at the World Trade Center. Sitting (left) Randy Manaloto, VP, PEPgroup; and Zhang Min, general manager, Chongqing Heavenbest Exhibitions. Standing (from left) Tony Abella, VP, TopSun; Knox Coell, PEPgroup consultant for China affairs; and Zhang Yang, president, TopSun

MANULIFE HANDS DONATION
Fr. Jesus Fernandez of the Ephpheta Foundation for the Blind (center) receives a donation from Renato Vergel de Dios, Manulife Phils. president and CEO, and Ces Jacinto, Manulife vice-president for human resources and support services (left).

MSV DRAW
DTI director Arnaldo del Rosario (left) is seen with Bookware Publishing Corp. staffers Malou Medina, Jamie Lani Solidium, Helen Velas and Marissa de Villa during the recent monthly draw of 'Nokia 7650 Raffle Promo' held at the company's offices in Pasig City. For the readers of My Special Valentine (MSV) pocketbooks, its lucky winner is Alex Davidas of Valenzuela City. The grand draw is this August where a cellphone with a built-in camera will be given away. For inquiries call 631-8893-94.

Re-creations of Amorsolo portraits

NEW Jersey-based Filipino miniature painter Gregory Ray Halili is in residence at the UP Vargas Museum. He is currently painting postage stamp-size re-creations of the Fernando Amorsolo portraits in the museum collection. It is his way of honoring artists that he admires. Having been used to working from imagination and photographs, this is Halili's first attempt at painting from museum collection. All his works from the residency will be displayed next to the Amorsolo paintings from Aug. 11 to Oct. 3.

Ford Phils. launches Escape 4X2 A/T XLS

FORD Philippines is adding an all-new variant to the successful Escape SUV (Sport Utility Vehicle) line with the introduction of a new 4x2 A/T XLS model with electronically controlled, automatic transmission.

The new SUV complements Ford's current lineup for the Escape. Ford's Escape SUV line now includes the 4x4 A/T XLT with 4-speed automatic transmission with overdrive; the 4x2 M/T XLS with manual transmission; and now, the 4x2 A/T XLS. The new Escape beefs up Ford's two-liter, two-wheel drive SUV line, allowing potential buyers a choice between the 4x2 XLS with manual transmission, and the new 4x2 Automatic XLS.

"With the launch of the 4x2 Automatic, we are able to provide the market with a wider range of choices to suit their particular preference," said Ford Group Philippines President, Henry Co. "Add to this, the new Escape keeps to the same standard of quality and styling that has made the compact SUV a favorite among customers that mix city leisure with a sporty lifestyle."

The new variant keeps the tried and tested 2.0L, 4-cylinder Zetec engine that works well on or off the road. The Escape's unibody construction, along with its best-in-class interiors, will continue to define the new variant's car-like riding and handling, all packed in a small, tough SUV.

The Escape line was designed to appeal to a bold new set of drivers that appreciate the right amount of luxury and utility, comfort, functionality and convenience provided by the SUV whether it be a sleek urban setting, or the rugged outdoors.

According to Mr. Co, "The 4x2 Automatic should appeal to customers who are entering the SUV category because it combines elegant interiors and car-like handling, with the power and styling to complement a more adventurous lifestyle."

The Escape 4x2 Automatic comes in five new colors: Vitro Silver, Infra Red, Honour Green, Harvest Gold, and Panther Black. The Escape 4x2 Automatic is pegged at P1.110 million, through Ford's 15 dealerships across the Philippines. In Metro Manila, Ford dealerships can be found in Alabang, Balintawak, Edsa, Libis, Makati and Quezon Avenue. In the provinces, Ford can be found in Bacolod, Cabanatuan, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, Pampanga, San Pablo and Dagupan.

Bits Clips

Events By Westin 2003

THE Westin Philippine Plaza stages the much-awaited exhibit and networking fair "Events By Westin 2003" today at the Grand Plaza Ballroom. The one-day gathering, brings together over 50 providers and suppliers in the Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions (Mice) industry to converge and link up with top corporate buyers and planners. Open and free to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be raffle draws every hour as well as dazzling laser light shows, demos on wireless communication and the latest in meetings technology. Book your corporate event at Events by Westin on Aug. 16 and get a 25 percent discount on food and beverage on your function. The event is a partnership with: Air Philippines, Web Philippine Inc., Job Market of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, Audio Compulsion, Systems Axis, Nestle Pink Lemonade, Joey 92.3 and Gilsas. For more information, call Westin's catering and conventions department at 832-6999 or 551-5555 extension 6991 to 6999.

Storyland celebrates fun-filled festivals

STORYLAND, the country's premier inddor theme park located at SM Southmall Las Piñas and SM City Fairview has calendared a series of fun-tastic events for August. These festivals are as follows: Aug. 16 to 17 (Sinulog) - a spectacular celebration complete with street dancing revelry / Aug. 23 and 24 (Pintados) - celebrates the ancient art of body painting / Aug. 30 and 31 (Masskara) - masked and painted faces gather to dance and rejoice Storyland. There will also be a Family Fiesta Exhibit from Aug. 15 to 17 and a Heritage Festival Bazaar on Aug. 22 to 24 and Aug. 29 to 31. So hurry and come to Storyland where the 'fun-tasy' is real.

'Maria, Atbp.' announces auditions

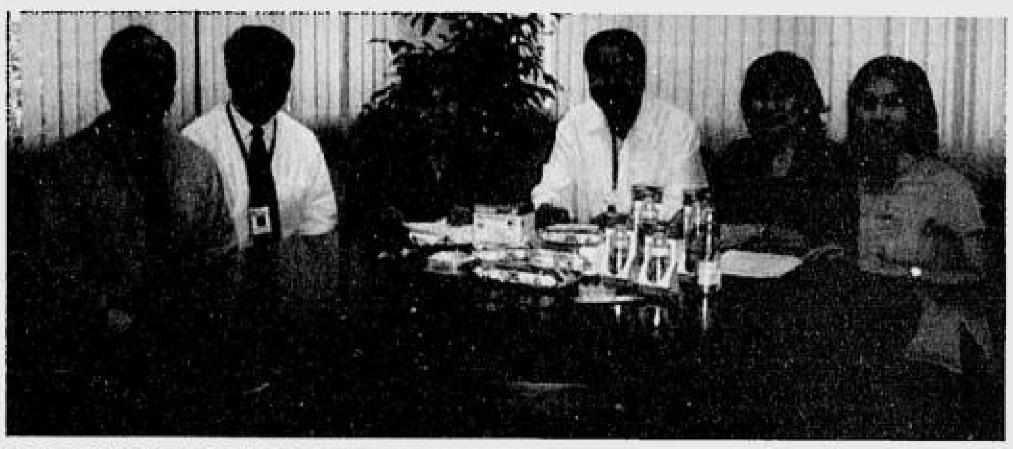
THE Women and Gender Commission - AMRSP, with the support of Earthlinks Multimedia Corp., and Gantimpala Theater Foundation (GTF) announces its audition for the play "Maria, Atbp." which is slated today, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Rehearsal Hall, Concert at the Park Auditorium, Luneta, Manila. The auditions are open to male and female actors, with pleasing personality, strong singing voice and can dance, between the ages of 20 to 35 years old. Those who will audition must also bring a whole body photograph and a cued minus-one tape. The play is slated for a late September play date and will have a campus tour. GTF president and artisitic director Tony Espejo directs. Executive producer is Arnel Caranto. For details about the audition, call Earthlinks at tel. 889-6830, 843-7789 and look for Arnel Caranto or through the GTF office, 536-5860 and look for Arwin Ignacio.

Freestyle at The Venue

THE Venue, Davao City's largest and hottest party destination, and Smart Communication present "The Freestyle Kadayawan Show", today. Expect Freestyke to render some new songs and styles. They are one of the crowd drawers of The Venue and had recurrent performances here at the largest city in the world. Major sponsors are NCCC Department Store, Mega Graphics, Caltex, Coca-Cola, Dream Party Shop, Overdrive, Express Tire and Luke, 93.1 Crossover, 89.1 Killer bee and 94.7 Mellow touch.

Gear up with Anchor Milk

PREPARE your kids for an action packed adventure as Anchor Milk presents "Gear Up with Anchor", a bundling promo featuring the coolest Crush Gear characters and gizmos. With every purchase of Anchor Milk, your kids can get exciting Crush gear items absolutely free. They can collect stickers, bag tags, rain gears, belt bags, and wrist watchos. Also, your kids can live out the thrill of Crush Gear while they assemble the 3-d car models. What's more, Anchor milk is sponsoring a series of Crush Gear tournaments in leading malls across the metro. Anchor will set-up free play areas where kids can play their Crush Gear car models. Watch out for these events on Aug. 16 at SM Mega Mall, Sept. 14 at SM Manila, Oct. 19 at Shangri-La and Nov. 2 at the Glorietta Activity Center. Participants can get a chance to bring home special Anchor Milk gift packs.



RICHWELL TRADING CORP. AND GETZ BROS. SIGNS CONTRACT
Richwell recently appointed Getz Bros. Philippines as its distributor for supermarket and drugstore chains for Pigeon Baby Products. From left are: Ed Salting, national sales manager; Ed Mauricio, division manager, consumer products; Karrot Nitura, category manager; Romy Rodil, acting president; Myrna T. Yao, COO, Richwell; Liza T. Yao, vice president for merchandising, Richwell

LADY COUNCILOR AT MFI
Popular Quezon City Councilor Aiko Melendez was guest recently at Meralco Foundation Inc. (MFI) in Pasig to acquaint herself with the Meralco Foundation Institute's activities for possible enrollment of her district's poor but deserving high school graduates into the three-year scholarship program. The lady councilor was led to a guided tour by MFI president, Col. Alex Escaño (standing at left). Photo shows Aiko (in printed shirt) seated among the MFI scholars under Bernard Quitay's class (standing, right), head of the instrumentation technology department.

ASIMO LANDS IN MANILA

The world's first walking humanoid robot just landed at the Gate 16 of Ninoy Aquino International Airport. Honda's very own Asimo or Advanced Step in Innovative Mobility has set foot in the country for a series of events this August. Honda's Asimo is designed to be a partner of the people, the ultimate goal of Honda. In the future, he would eventually be helping around the home, office or other environments, especially that where it is dangerous for humans. Watch out for other Asimo events to be announce soon.

CDO'S TOP SALES ACHIEVERS FETED
Food firm CDO-Foodsphere Inc. gave recognition to its top sales achievers of year 2002 during its annual sales awarding rites held May 24 at the Splash Mountain Resort in Los Baños, Laguna. Cesar Domingo (3rd from left), of North Luzon bagged the area sales manager award bringing home a gold ring and a cash prize. With him in the photograph are (from left) vice president for sales and marketing Ed Reataza, national sales manager Bong Cendana, regional sales manager Bobby Pena, marketing manager Jon Bendicion and senior manager for canning and bottling division Rene Hernandez.

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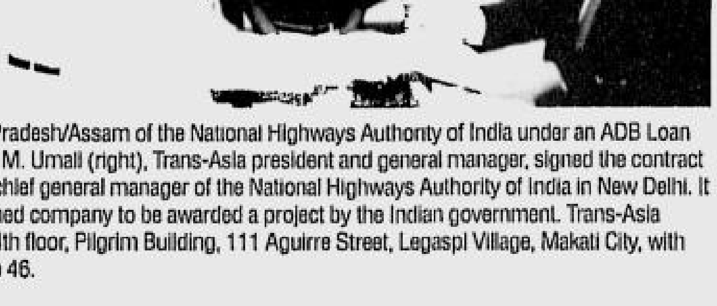

Trans-Asia Philippines Inc, the leading engineering consultancy firm in the country, recently won the bid for the consultancy services for the rehabilitation and upgrading project of the East-West Corridor in the State of Gujarat/Rajasthan/Madhya Predesh/Uttar Pradesh/Assam of the National Highways Authority of India under an ADB Loan Assistance Programme. Alfredo M. Umali (right), Trans-Asia president and general manager, signed the contract together with GR Singhal (left), chief general manager of the National Highways Authority of India in New Delhi. It is the first time for a Filipino-owned company to be awarded a project by the Indian government. Trans-Asia Philippines Inc is located at the 4th floor, Pilgrim Building, 111 Aguirre Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City, with telephone numbers 810-9641 to 46.

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CLOSEST IN NEARLY 60,000 YEARS

Mars, Earth in historic rendezvous

By Charles E. Buban

ASTRONOMERS and backyard stargazers are busy setting up their gear in key points around the world to watch Mars as it gets closer than it has ever been to Earth in millenniums.

Mars comes closest to Earth on Aug. 27 at 9:51 GMT (5:51 p.m. in Manila), with the two planets just 55.76 million km apart.

The last time the two planets got this close was in 57,617 B.C. when Mars was 55.72 million km from Earth.

"If Neanderthals had telescopes, they would have seen it a little bit better than we will on Aug. 27," said astronomer Geoff Chester of the US Naval Observatory in Washington.

The planets' rendezvous less than two weeks from now will be a last-chance proposition for all alive today: Mars won't be as close again until Aug. 28, 2287.

To backyard observers, Mars will be the brightest natural object in the sky except for the sun and the moon, Chester said. But even though it will be close, it will not look much bigger than it usually does.

"People are kind of thinking that all you've got to do is go outside and you're going to see this big red blob that's half the size of the moon," Chester said. "That's not the case."

What people will most likely see is a brilliant pinkish object dominating the southern sky. At that point, Mars will be the brightest thing in the heavens. Venus would have shone bright if it had been visible, but it will be hidden behind the sun when Mars comes closest to Earth.

Hard to miss it

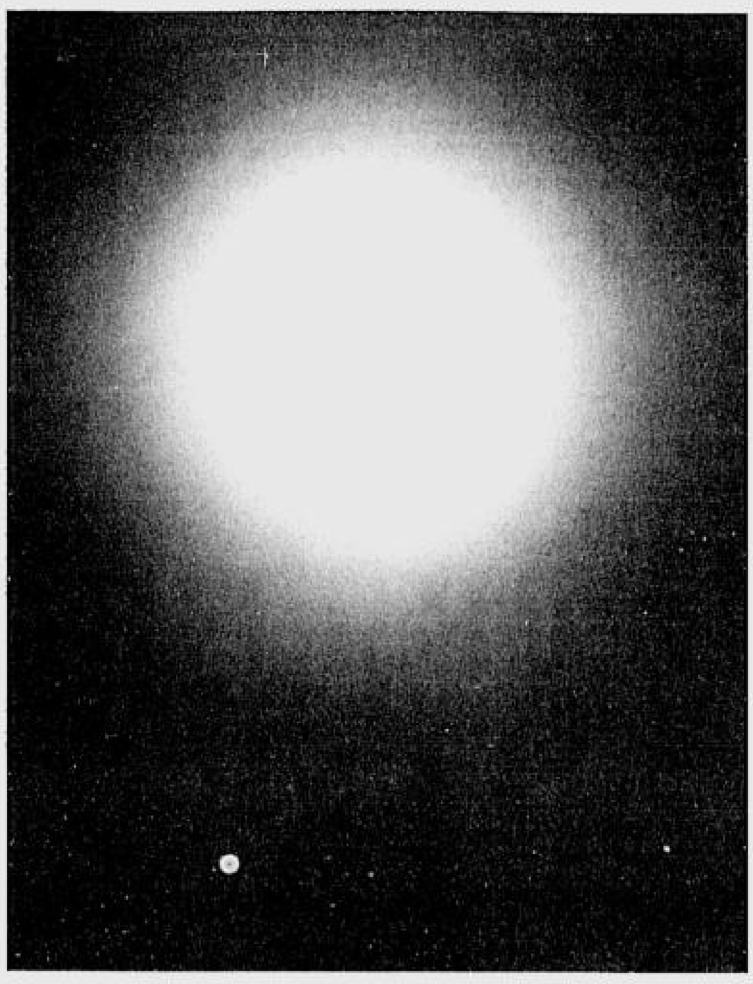
Already, Mars has begun to loom large in the late evening sky, its rusty twinkle apparent in the southeast.

"Mars you can't miss, it's bright and red," said Myles Standish, an astronomer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

While 55.76 million km may be a long way by Earth standards, "it's only a short distance on the scale of the solar system," said Edmund Rosales, science education specialist at the University of the Philippines-National Institute for Science and Mathematics Education Development.

Rosales, who is also in charge of the UP Observatory in Diliman, Quezon City, said the view of Mars will be spectacular for anyone who has a telescope, no matter how modest it is.

He said one way of visualizing how the Red Planet would appear through a telescope at 100 times magnification is to look at a five-centavo coin at arm's length.


MARS, left bottom, and the moon as seen from Haebaru in Okinawa prefecture, southern Japan last Wednesday. The wandering of the planets brings Mars closer to Earth this month than at any time in nearly 60,000 years.
AP

"Mars' disk will be as big as the hole in the middle of the five-centavo coin. But come late August, Mars will 'grow' as big as the coin's circumference," said Rosales.

"With an image that big, one can already discern some of Mars' notable features, such as the polar ice cap, dark surface and perhaps even storm clouds."

Strikingly brilliant

But even to the unaided eyes, Mars is already a treat.

Mars will reach magnitude -2.9 on the scale used by astronomers to denote brightness. (Lower numbers indicate brighter objects, and negative numbers are reserved for the very brightest.)

"Although Mars is not going to look like the Moon, it will appear strikingly brilliant, outshining all the stars and planets around with its familiar red or orange blaze that never twinkles," said James Kevin Ty, an amateur astronomer.

Around 7:30 pm. on Aug. 27, Mars can be seen rising in the southeast and will slowly climb westward until it is almost overhead at 1 a.m. the following day.

"Just look to the south and you won't miss Mars," said Ty.

Other close encounters

Although this month's close encounter is exceptional, there have been other times when Mars and Earth also came close to each other.

In 1971, the two planets were just 56.2 million km apart and in 1988, Mars passed to within 58.7 million km of Earth, according to Rosales.

Next week, astronomers will send radio waves from antennas on Earth that will bounce off Mars to study the terrain where one of two National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) rovers is targeted to land in January. The close proximity will improve the resolution of the radar images, said Albert Haldemann, deputy project scientist for the rover mission.

Mars-gazing parties

Planetariums around the world plan Mars-gazing parties beginning the evening of Aug. 26, and the Hubble Space Telescope is expected to take a close-approach portrait of Mars.

"It is a marvelous opportunity to get people interested in astronomy and what you can see from your own backyard," said Stephen Maran, an astronomer and spokesperson for the American Astronomical Society.

"We hope that more and more people will get used to looking at the sky so they will be interested in efforts to cut down on light pollution."

As Earth's next-door planetary neighbor, Mars has always been a subject of fascination. Recent probes by Nasa have sent back images suggesting that water once flowed on or near the Martian surface—an exciting prospect for those curious about whether Earth-type life ever existed on Mars, since water is seen as a prerequisite for life on other planets.

With reports from Reuters, AP

Eyeing the sky

DISCOVER

Massie Santos Ballon

WHEN I was younger I wished to study all the constellations so that I could always know where I was and navigate like the seafarers of old. Years later, the only thing I could find in the night sky is Orion's belt—just don't ask me which way is up because I still haven't figured that out. I know that the Big Dipper's supposed to be really easy to find, but I haven't succeeded in locating it either.

Fortunately, I'm not entirely without a sense of direction; I know that UP Diliman is north of Makati and that Bicutan is south. And while I will never be able to give my brother better directions to Likha Diwa other than that "on the IKOT jeepney, after you turn left at the auto repair shop, it's the stop after the big giant arch that I think is for Krus na Ligas," at least I have landmarks to keep me going the right way.

But I was talking about the stars, and trying to identify the constellations.

I've become interested again in astronomy since learning that the planet Mars is going to be the closest it has been to Earth—a mere 56 million km away—on Aug. 27.

The last time it was this close was a good 60,000 years ago, and astronomers don't expect it to get this close again until 2287.

Talk about once in a lifetime events.

Also, people who live in the Southern Hemisphere get a much better view of it than those up north, so Southeast Asia and northern Australia are expected to have the best views.

Finding Mars

So how do you go about finding Mars? Well, when I first heard about all this, I was told that Mars would be in the Aquarius constellation, which sent me on a quest to locate Aquarius.

I should point out it is not an easy thing to match up the constellations with the images they represent. If you connect the stars for the Water Bearer, you'll see a small diagonal head with stick limbs and a trapezoidal skirt which seems to have crossed lines over his shoulder.

Anyway, a star map of all the constellations told me that Aquarius was on the left of Capricorn, which is left of Sagittarius, which has Scorpio on the right.

Aquarius is directly opposite the Big and Little Dippers, but I have no clue where they are, so I decided to try to find Orion's Belt and use that as a reference point.

This was where things got tricky as Orion seems to spend his days chasing Scorpio through the sky—look them up in Greek mythology and you'll know why—so you will never find these two constellations up there at the same time.

That was when I quit reading books and surfing the Internet and decided to just step outside and check the skies.

Only moon is brighter

You can see Mars in the sky because it's so bright right now, only the moon is brighter.

However, the moon will not be the tiny (it's been described as looking at a coin from a distance of approximately 500 feet, but I can't tell you if that coin was the 1972 Marcos peso, or the Rizal peso of the late '90s) glowing red/orange/yellow ball in the sky, so it won't be hard to tell them apart.

All you have to do is look up at the moon, and if you look just below and slightly off to the left, if you see something really bright, you've found Mars.

Just how bright is it right now?

The (dog) star Sirius has a brightness magnitude rating of -1.4 (the more negative the number, the brighter the light of the heavenly body in question) and it's considered the brightest fixed star. Right now Mars is at the -2.3 magnitude mark and it's expected to have a magnitude of -2.9 on Aug. 27.

On the off-chance, however, that you are not impressed by the tiny extremely bright pinprick of light you can see with your naked eyes, grab a pair of binoculars or a telescope for a closer look at the polar ice caps on the southern half of Mars.

For those of you who know Pagasa solely as the weather organization who will tell you if it's Storm Signal No. 2 and therefore classes are canceled, you may be pleasantly surprised to learn that Pagasa has several observatories in UP Diliman, Cebu, Davao and Cagayan de Oro.

Check their schedules for stargazing sessions, make sure you go on a clear night when you can see stars, and pay them a visit anytime between now and the first week of September if you want to see the polar ice caps on Mars.

And for the Tolkien fans, Saturn, the so-called astronomical "Lord of the Rings," has been visible right around sunrise since mid-July and you can see it until the end of the year. Consider it a heavenly reminder to catch "The Return of the King" when it comes out.

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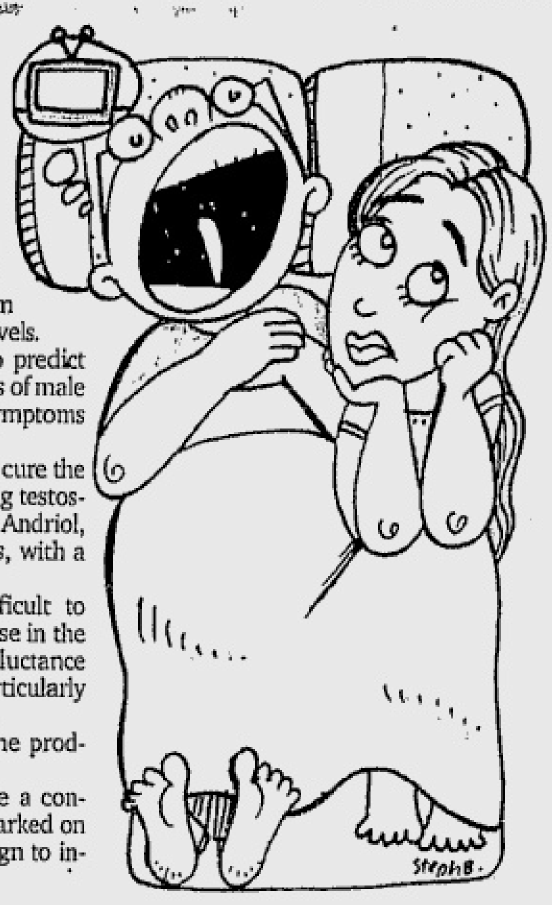
Understanding male menopause



By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

LIFE begins at 40, or so they say, but it is also the time when an estimated eight million men worldwide may start to feel that they are no longer as "manly" as they were before.

The typical "macho" culture makes it difficult for men to admit they are already experiencing the early stages of andropause, also called "male menopause" or Padam—Partial Androgen Deficiency in the Aging Male.

It is a normal part of aging, although for some men, it is accompanied by the gradual and definitely unwanted decline in their sexuality—including erectile dysfunction, mood and overall energy.

The culprit, according to Dr. Lester A. Garcia, a founding member of the Philippine Society for the Study of the Aging Male (Phissam) Foundation, is the steady decline in the level of free testosterone that circulates in the male body as males age.

Free, or "bioavailable," testosterone is responsible for some bodily functions, and this accounts for about 20 percent of the actual testosterone in the body. The bulk of testosterone, which is produced in the testes and in the adrenal glands, is "bound" in the male bones, muscles and tissues.

Testosterone helps build protein and is essential for normal sexual behavior and for producing erections. It also affects many metabolism activities such as production of blood cells in the bone marrow, bone formation, lip metabolism, carbohydrate metabolism, liver function and prostate.

It is to males what estrogen is to females.

Bigger aging population

A recent report by the World Health Organization said "male androgens progressively decline with age."

Interestingly, Phissam president Dr. Jose Albert C. Reyes III cites that the aging male population in the Philippines (60 and above) has been increasing and now comprises 5.4 percent of the population (about 4.05 million).

The study showed that by the time the males reached 70, the androgen levels were only 10 percent of what they were when they were young.

Andropause was first described in medical literatures in the 1940s.

Just like women who go through menopause, men between 40 and 55 ride through a natural decline in hormone levels.

Symptoms

Garcia, however, stresses that unlike in women where there is a clear-cut signpost of menopause because menses stop, there is no such specific timing for the males.

"In males it is a steady progression and the manifestations are different among men, and most do not want to admit that they are suffering from it," Garcia says.

Some behavioral manifestations, he says, include mood swings, decreased libido, less powerful erection and even developing a big belly caused by a slowing down in metabolism due to the decline in testosterone levels.

Garcia says there is no way to predict who will experience the symptoms of male menopause, and each man's symptoms may be different.

Most men currently manage or cure the symptoms of andropause by taking testosterone replacement drugs such as Andriol, produced by Organon Philippines, with a combination of antidepressants.

Garcia laments that it is difficult to study the prevalence of andropause in the Philippines, mainly due to the reluctance of males to seek medical help, particularly for this case.

"Sometimes they go only at the prodding of their wives," he says.

Lack of education may also be a contributing factor. Phissam has embarked on a nationwide educational campaign to inform men about andropause.

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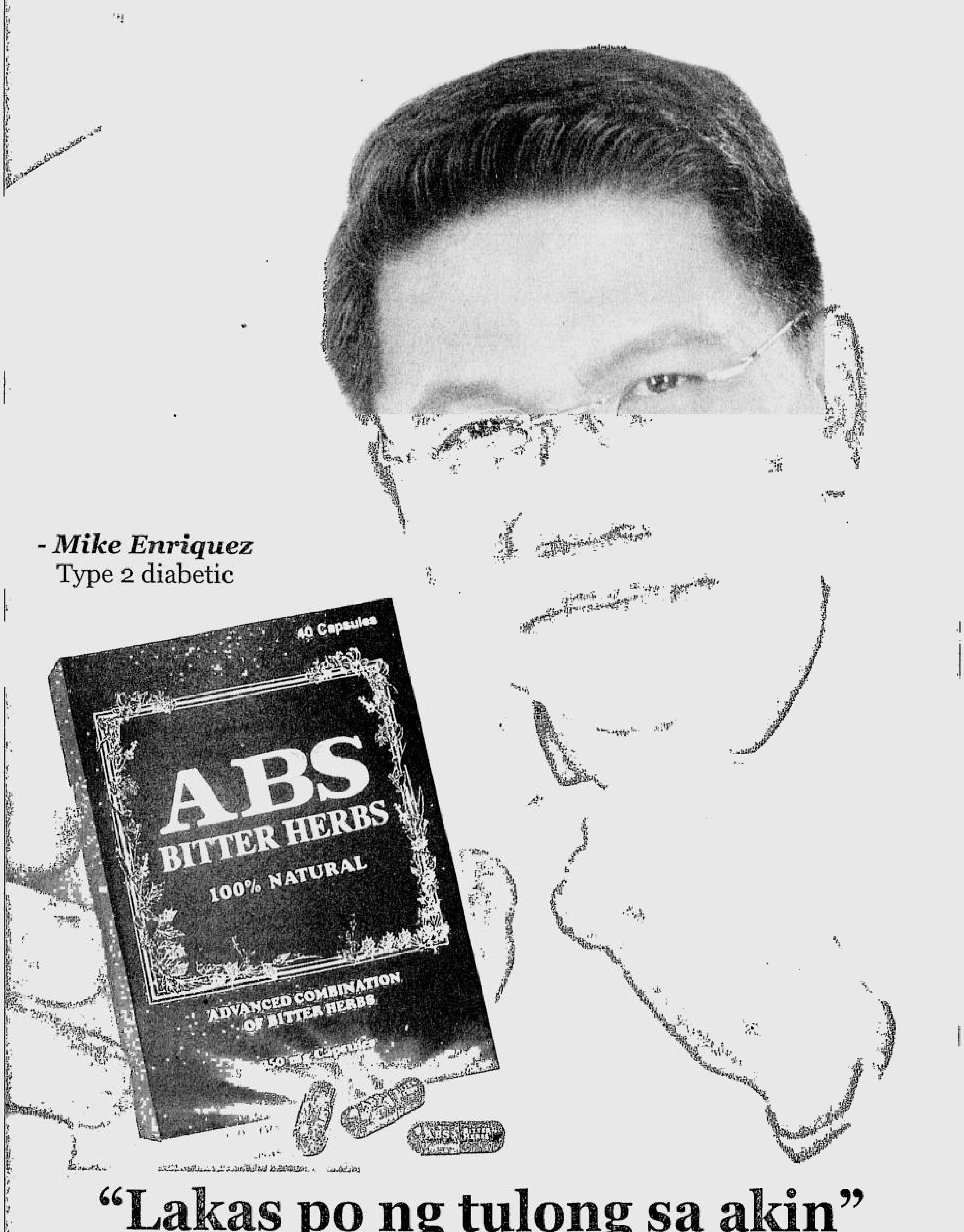

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TYPE 2 DIABETES:
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Diabetes kills.

Every year, 5,000 Filipinos die of diabetes. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that 117 million people worldwide have diabetes, a figure that is expected to surpass 300 million by 2025. Dubbed recently by Time Magazine as the "Silent Killer", diabetes is fast becoming an epidemic globally and in the Philippines.

The Department of Health estimates that there are now about three million Filipinos who are diabetic, 50 percent of whom are undiagnosed. (www.doh.gov.ph)

Another three million Filipinos have impaired glucose tolerance which is a risk factor for future diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Diabetes is a disease that impairs the body's ability to use food. The hormone insulin, which is manufactured in the pancreas, helps the body to change food into energy. In people with diabetes, either the pancreas doesn't make insulin or the body cannot use insulin properly. Without insulin, sugar – the body's main energy source – builds up in the blood causing two problems: the cells are starved for energy and over time, high blood glucose levels may hurt your eyes, kidneys, nerves or heart.

TYPES

There are two types of Diabetes: **TYPE 1** is insulin dependent diabetes that develops during childhood or adolescence and affects about 10 percent of all diabetic patients. Sufferers require a *lifetime* of insulin injection for survival since their pancreas cannot produce insulin.

TYPE 2 is non-insulin dependent diabetes that comprises about 90 percent of all diabetic patients.

Most Type 2 patients are overweight or obese. They may either have insulin or are insulin resistant (a condition in which the body fails to properly use insulin.

Type 2 diabetes frequently goes undiagnosed for many years because hyperglycemia or high blood sugar develops gradually. The symptoms usually go unnoticed.

REAL EPIDEMIC

Time Magazine (December 2002) described Type 2 diabetes as "the strain most of us have to fear, the real epidemic."

In Type 2 diabetes, the pancreas is not the problem. It does its job of producing insulin, alright, but it either doesn't produce enough or the body fails to employ the insulin as it should. "The effect can be devastating," Time continues.

Type 2 diabetes is otherwise known as a "lifestyle-related condition," caused by excessive weight, physical inactivity and stress. There might also be a genetic link as it often runs in families.

Type 2 diabetes usually occurs in people over 40 but is now becoming more prevalent in children and teenagers. Children of diabetics, obese people, people with hypertension, people with high cholesterol levels and people with sedentary lifestyles are also at risk of having diabetes.

According to the Time articles, many people blame the growing number of Type 2 diabetics on Western food and globalization. As unhealthy food becomes more and more available, it's not surprising that people would eagerly devour them and wash them down with sugary drinks.

The problem is further aggravated by the "couch potato" phenomenon where TV viewers become so avid that they are subsequently glued to the monitors and spend more time indoors.

Although diabetes cannot be cured, it can be managed. With family support, daily care and treatment, a diabetic can lead an active life. A healthy lifestyle can prevent the onset of Type 2 diabetes and ease complications for those who already have the condition.

MIKE ENRIQUEZ, NEW ABS GUY

Following in the footsteps of Gary Valenciano and singer-TV host-medical doctor Nonoy Zuñiga, radio and television's award-winning broadcast journalist Mike Enriquez is the newest face for ABS Bitter Herbs.

A Type 2 diabetic, Mike Enriquez takes on his new role as a spokesperson for ABS Bitter Herbs, the 100 percent all-natural herbal dietary supplement in capsule form. It contains a high fiber diet that helps boost the immune system, enhance blood utilization, induce toxin cleansing and support the digestive system.

However, ABS (which stands for Active Bitter Supplement) Bitter Herbs is not a medicine and certainly not a cure for diabetes. But Mike attests that it can help a diabetic maintain the ideal blood sugar level that the body needs.

Each capsule is made up of an advanced combination of 7 power herbs momordica charantia (ampalaya); andrographis paniculata (king of bitters); curcumae longa (luyang dilaw); chorchorus olitorius (saluyot); mentha cordifolia (peppermint); vitex negundo (lagundi); and moringa oleifera (malunggay).

ABS Bitter Herbs is power-packed with natural ingredients known for their various health-giving values and the combined potency of vitamin A / Beta-carotene, vitamin B complex and vitamin C, ABS Bitter Herbs is also a rich source of 100 percent vitamins and minerals, containing iron, calcium, phosphorus, fiber, protein and carbohydrates.

The bitter supplement also comes in the form of Ampalaya Charagen, which only has ampalaya or bitter gourd as the active ingredient.

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Burning the travel path with malaria

By Rafael R. Castillo, MD

A FRIEND once took an exciting camping trip to one of the jungles of Malaysia. In the jungle, he burned the travel path—literally burning with fever, that is—with malaria.

It can be a most unpleasant experience when all one wanted was a good vacation away from it all. What's worse is that in some cases malaria can get to one's head, when the malarial bug invades the brain and nervous system. This type of malaria can be really serious and fatal.

MEDICAL FILES

Malaria is not as uncommon as some think it is. It is one of the 10 most prevalent and deadly diseases in the world. It is a parasitic disease spread by the bite of the Anopheles mosquito which is active between dusk and dawn. Medical journals report that 300 million to 500 million cases occur every year, with a high death rate reaching over 1.2 million to 2.7 million.

It's good that Africa is not our usual travel destination as 90 percent of reported malaria cases occur in the sub-Saharan part of Africa. However, as some infectious disease experts point out, one can get malaria from practically all parts of the world. Most places in the Philippines (except for a few provinces in the Visayas) are considered potential places where one could get bitten by the nasty malaria-carrying mosquito.

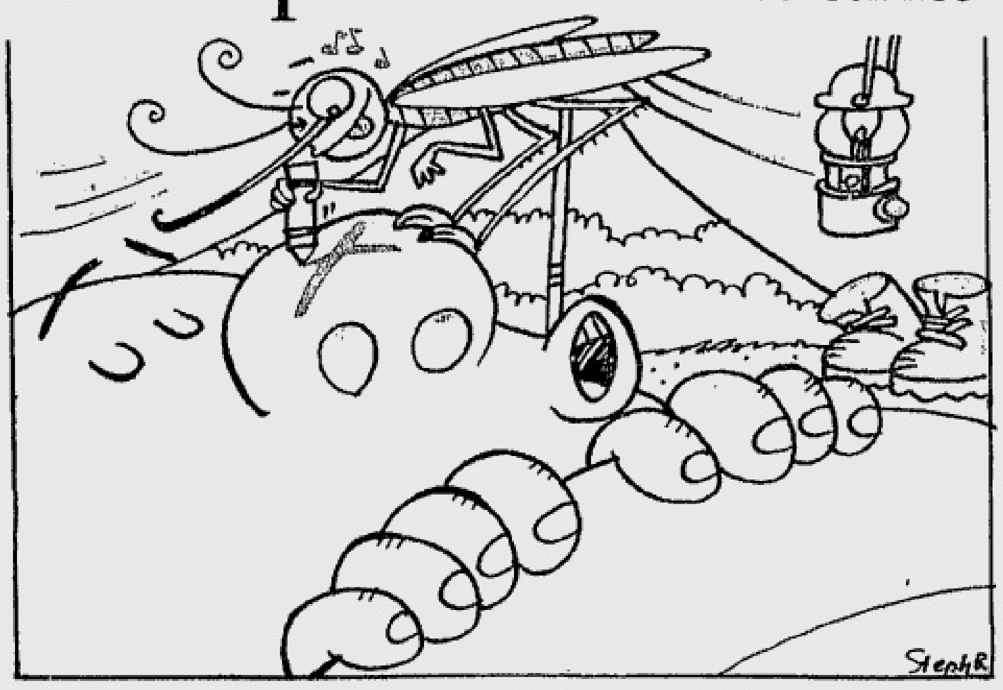
Even in Sydney, a favorite tourist destination loved for its pristine beauty, around a thousand cases of malaria are reported each year.

So when you're traveling, you're really never totally safe from malaria and if you're visiting an endemic area where the disease is prevalent, taking anti-malarial prophylaxis as advised by your doctor can save you a lot of potential trouble.

Symptoms

Malarial symptoms can occur after a few days to eight days following an infected bite. The principal symptoms are flu-like in character—fever, malaise, headache, muscle pains, chills and breaking out into sweat.

It can be misleading and present as a respiratory or gastrointestinal illness. Some cases are not diagnosed early enough and may cause serious complications such as hemolysis, or "bursting" of the blood cells leading to severe anemia, failure of the kidneys, heart and liver, and swelling of the brain (cerebral malaria).



One must be highly suspicious that it might be malaria when one develops high-grade fever with chills after coming from a trip especially from an area where an encounter with the Anopheles mosquito might have been possible, i.e. a camping trip or a holiday in swampy areas.

Prevention is still your best bet against this potentially deadly disease.

Taking anti-malarial drugs has been recommended before making the trip. However, one should not depend on medications alone to prevent malaria.

Avoidance of bites is still one of the best plans. Standard precautions such as using mosquito nets and repellant sprays may also help prevent malaria and other diseases spread by mosquitoes (such as dengue) and other insects.

Since escaping mosquito bites during one's travel is not feasible and no preventive or prophylactic drugs are completely effective, a traveler will just have to accept the fact that he may contract malaria, especially if he is adventurous enough to go to some places where it is prevalent. Hence early diagnosis and treatment is essential.

Any fever occurring while traveling or after one's return from a "malarious" area—even if preventive drugs have been taken—may be caused by malaria, and one should immediately consult a doctor. A description of the locale can help the doctor evaluate whether it's a potential area for any mosquito- or insect-spread disease.

Testing for malaria

The doctor usually requests for some screening tests in the blood, usually a blood smear or a blood film examination. It's preferably taken at the height of fever and chills but some malaria experts claim it doesn't really matter. This test is usually done within 48 hours from onset of fever, or earlier if one is really feeling bad.

Some types of malaria may develop late. The very dangerous falciparum malaria usually occurs within three months or longer so it may not even be associated with one's travel. Again, a high index of suspicion by the patient and the doctor can properly diagnose the problem before serious complications set in.

If severe bothersome signs and symptoms are present, it's best to confine the patient in a hospital so he can be given proper dietary and hydration support, and be closely monitored since some malaria cases can turn for the worse in a matter of hours.

Drugs that are effective in curing malaria are now available and as long as early diagnosis is made and proper treatment is promptly implemented to prevent kidney, heart and liver failure, the overall outlook for the malaria patient is generally good.

A bout of malaria may traumatize a traveler and make him swear he'll never travel again. But it's probably not the right thing to do. After all, one can get malaria even by just staying in the comforts of one's home. One might as well get it while traveling and communing with nature.

ASK THE DENTIST **Paul R. De Castro, DMD**

Swollen gum

MY gum next to my tooth is very tender to touch and is very swollen and red. I can't eat on that side because it hurts. Just yesterday I was using that side to eat peanuts which my boss gave me. What can I do?

—*Jean V.*

You should see your dentist so he can examine why your gum is swollen. It could be from tooth decay in which case you would need a root canal. If your tooth does not have any decay, the swelling could be coming from the gum that got irritated from the peanuts that entrapped itself in it. Peanuts and chips can turn into powder that can easily get trapped inside the gums. The gums get irritated and so they swell up. In this case, you would need a deep cleaning so the food and bacteria that lodged in the gum area can be cleaned out.

SCISCOPE

SARS diagnostic test launch

ABBOTT Laboratories recently announced that it will start marketing and distributing a diagnostic test, developed and manufactured by German-based Artus GmbH, to assist government laboratories in Asia, including the Philippines, to detect a form of coronavirus suspected of causing Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The test is based on a highly sensitive technology known as real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) that directly detects tiny amounts of the virus in patient samples. It will run on the Applied Biosystems Prism 7000 Sequence Detection System, which is commonly used in hospitals and clinical laboratories to detect and quantify the nucleic acid sequences of viruses in patient samples.The ABI Prism 7000 provides an optimized and automated environment for the SARS test, allowing for effective testing of a large number of samples with minimum uncertainty. It will soon be available in the Philippines.

Immunization awareness

THE UNIVERSITY of the Philippines Manila Immunization Task Force recently hosted its annual Immunization Awareness Week. Pharmaceutical firm Merck Sharp and Dohme Philippines donated vaccine against measles, mumps, rubella (MRR) for the free vaccination of new and old students. Other vaccined against hepatitis A, chicken pox, diphtheria, tetanus, typhoid and rabies were also given at a much-reduced price to make it affordable and to increase vaccine coverage among students. The Philippine Foundation for Vaccination recommends that healthcare workers including students and trainees who are exposed to patient care be protected from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Joint fight against malnutrition

MEAD Johnson Philippines, the nutritional division of Bristol-Myers Squibb, is renewing its partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development and a nongovernment organization called Kabisig ng Lahi for its annual nationwide feeding program. The feeding program, dubbed "Masustansyang Gatas Feeding Program: Alay ng Mead Johnson Nutritionals sa Batang Pilipino," aims to address the country's malnutrition problem through the provision of milk. The project targets children, aged 1 to 6 years, who are suffering from malnourishment. The feeding program was able to reach close to 1,600 children from 50 feeding sites since it kicked off on July 25.

Santos leads PHA board

DR. Romeo Santos was elected president of the Philippine Heart Association during the PHA annual convention held recently at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel in Mandaluyong City. Also elected were Doctors Norbert Uy, vice president; Mariano Lopez, secretary; Cesar Recto II, treasurer; Efren Vicaldo and Ma. Belen O. Carisma, directors.

Math's Nobel prize

EUREKA!

Queena N. Lee-Chua

I HAVE long been frustrated by the lack of a Nobel Prize in math. Alfred Nobel's wishes notwithstanding (he reportedly quarreled with some mathematicians and decided not to specify any award in that field), I still feel that since math is the foundation of the other sciences, it definitely merits equal recognition. After all, the Economics Nobel was never in the original roster, so why not do the same for math? (However, various economists have won for their research in applied math, notably John Nash for game theory.)

This omission was rectified recently when mathematician Jean-Pierre Serre of the Collège de France received the first Abel Prize in Mathematics from the king of Norway, Harald V, no less. If Sweden has the Nobel, then Norway has the Abel (pun intended). The prize was created in memory of the 19th-century Norwegian mathematician Niels Henrik Abel.

Serre is no stranger to accolades—in fact, he was the youngest awardee of the Fields Medal (the most prestigious math prize, before the Abel) in 1954. He worked primarily in topology, algebraic geometry and number theory, some of which helped Andrew Wiles finally prove the celebrated Fermat's Last Theorem.

There has been some hype outside the mathematical arena. In the New York Times, Stephen Battersby reports: "There are already several international math prizes, including the prestigious Fields Medal, which is often said to have the same cachet as a Nobel. But the Fields Medal has not caught the public imagination in the same way. Perhaps because it is only awarded every four years or because the cash involved is only CAN$15,000 ($11,000), meager compared with the money that goes with a Nobel.

"The Abel Prize, on the other hand, will be awarded every year, and Serre is walking off with a handy $816,000. 'It will enhance the visibility of mathematics and heighten the esteem in which mathematics is held,'" explained Rolf Jeltsch, president of the European Mathematical Society, when the creation of the prize was first announced last year.

I acknowledge the help of my Ateneo de Manila Math Department colleague Dr. Cathy Vistro-Yu who turned my attention to the Abel Prize.

Earthquakes

Civil and structural engineer Rafael Toralba of the Saudi Electricity Company in Saudi Arabia [rotoralba@yahoo.com] distinguishes between the terms "intensity" and "magnitude" when referring to earthquakes:

Regarding your article "Quakes, bats, science shows" (July 5, 2003), let me explain the precise qualification of earthquakes.

Earthquakes are typically measured in terms of magnitude. The open-ended Richter scale uses the term "magnitude."

In 1958, Richter defined the magnitude of an earthquake as the logarithm to the base 10 of the maximum seismic wave amplitude in microns recorded on a Wood-Anderson seismograph located at a distance of 100 km from the earthquake epicenter. Thus, magnitudes are expressed in 3.2, 5.8, 6.3, etc.

Earthquakes are also described in terms of an intensity measure. Intensity is the measure of damage to the structures and to the ground surface, and of the human response to the ground shaking.

There are several intensity scales, the most common of which is the Modified Mercalli Intensity scale of 1931 with a 12-degree range from I to XII.

Thus, to specify earthquakes, they should be expressed as:

Magnitude 5.2, magnitude 6.0 or magnitude 7.8, etc.

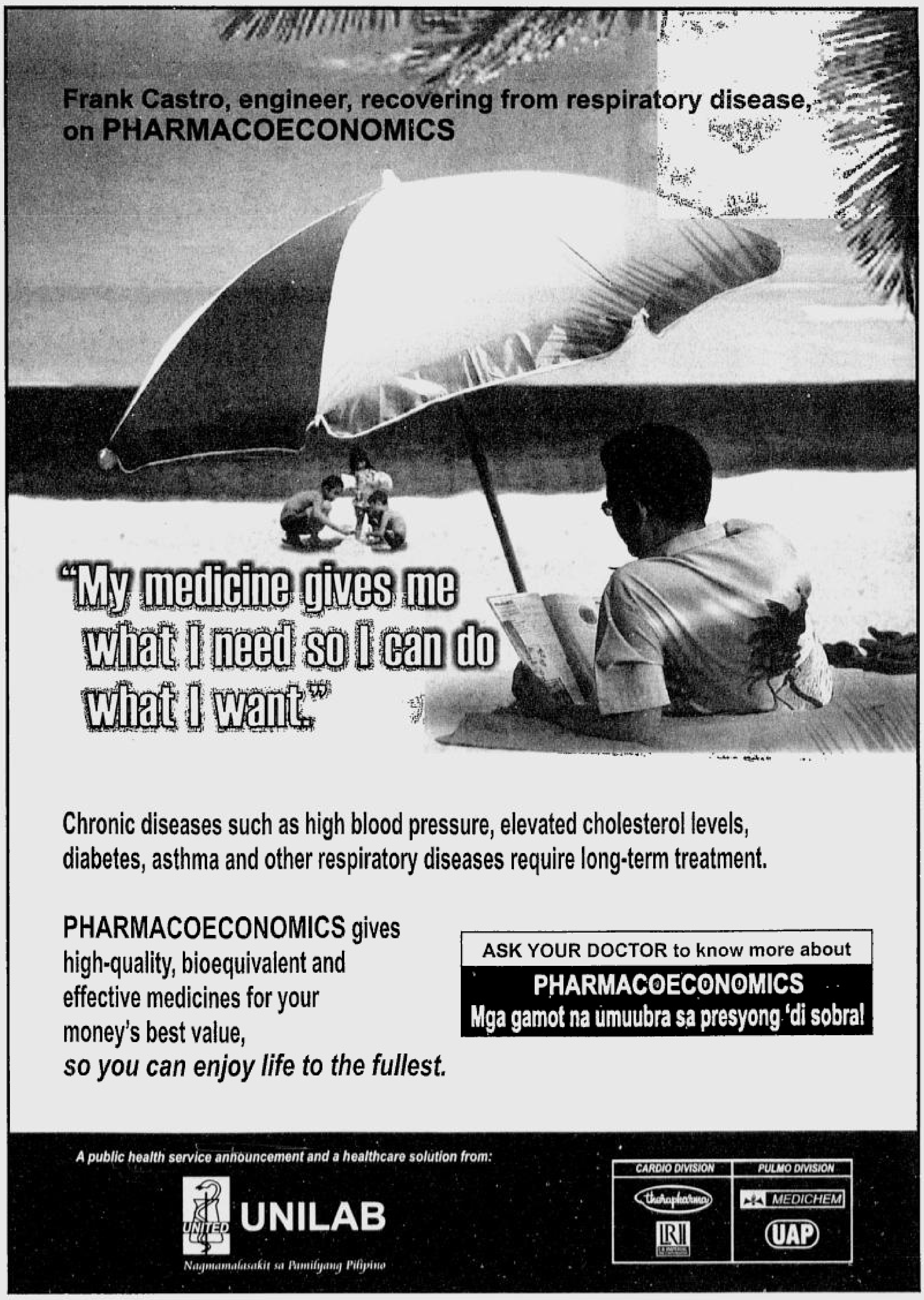
Intensity III, intensity V or intensity X, etc.

Thus your article should have read in part:

"Mary Charlotte Fresco of the S & T Media Service states: 'From December 2000 to January 2003, Philvocs recorded and monitored around 320 earthquakes whose magnitudes ranged from 2.0 to 6.4 in the Richter scale. The country has experienced 11 destructive earthquakes since 1968 with magnitude ranges from 6.1 to 7.9, which stole hundreds of thousands of lives and caused incalculable damage to properties and infrastructure.'"

I thank engineer Toralba for his succinct explanation.

(Contact the author at blessbook@yahoo.com.)



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UCC buying controlling stake in Lucky Cement

PHINMA-CONTROLLED Union Cement Corp. is set to acquire a controlling interest in cement grinding plant Lucky Cement Philippines Inc., a unit of leading Taiwanese cement-maker Lucky Cement Corp.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday, UCC said its board of directors had approved the takeover of LCPI.

Lucky Cement has been a concern for local cement manufacturers because of its heavy importation of clinker, which experts consider as 95-percent cement since it only needs gypsum to complete the process.

Earlier this week, UCC announced that it was selling its stake in a clinker grinding company, Limay Grinding Mill Corp. Analysts thus said that LCPI would simply replace Limay Grinding.

UCC did not provide additional details on the acquisition, noting that the assets of LCPI were below 20 percent of its own assets. As such, the deal did not fall under the 20-percent "Substantial Acquisition Rule" of the PSE. *Doris C. Dumlao*

Banks' bad loans hit ₱258B

By Clarissa S. Batino

BAD loans of the country's about 50 commercial banks eased to 15.19 percent of their total loan portfolio as of June, from 15.41 percent in May.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said a slight increase in soured accounts in June was offset by a 1.8-percent improvement in the banks' loan portfolio in the same month.

BSP records show that non-performing loans went up 0.35 percent or about P900 million to P257.94 billion from the level in May. The banks' loan portfolio, however, rose to P1.697 trillion from P1.667 trillion in the previous month.

The BSP said that the aggressive restructuring of loans by banks helped reduce the NPLs during the period.

Restructured NPLs expanded 0.69 percent or P940 million to P135.98 billion although the ratio of gross restructured loans dropped to 7.93 percent of total loans from 8.01 percent in May. Restructured loans are taken out of the NPL folder.

Bad loans or NPLs are accounts whose principal or interests remain unpaid for at least 90 days after due date.

Taking interbank loans out of the portfolio, the NPL ratio in June would have increased to 17.94 percent from 17.64 percent in the previous month. This indicated that loans among banks helped prop up the total loan portfolio and bring down the bad loans ratio for the period.

The banks' non-performing assets were also down by 0.31 percent or P1.37 billion to P444.94 billion in June. NPAs represent the combined bad loans and foreclosed assets held by banks.

As of June, the banks' provision for loan losses increased. This translated to higher coverage ratio of 50.64 percent for bad loans and 32.32 percent for the bad assets.

The BSP said banks continued to resort to foreclosures to settle delinquent accounts as real and other properties owned or acquired went up in June to P190.87 billion from P189.27 billion in May and P167.78 billion in June last year.

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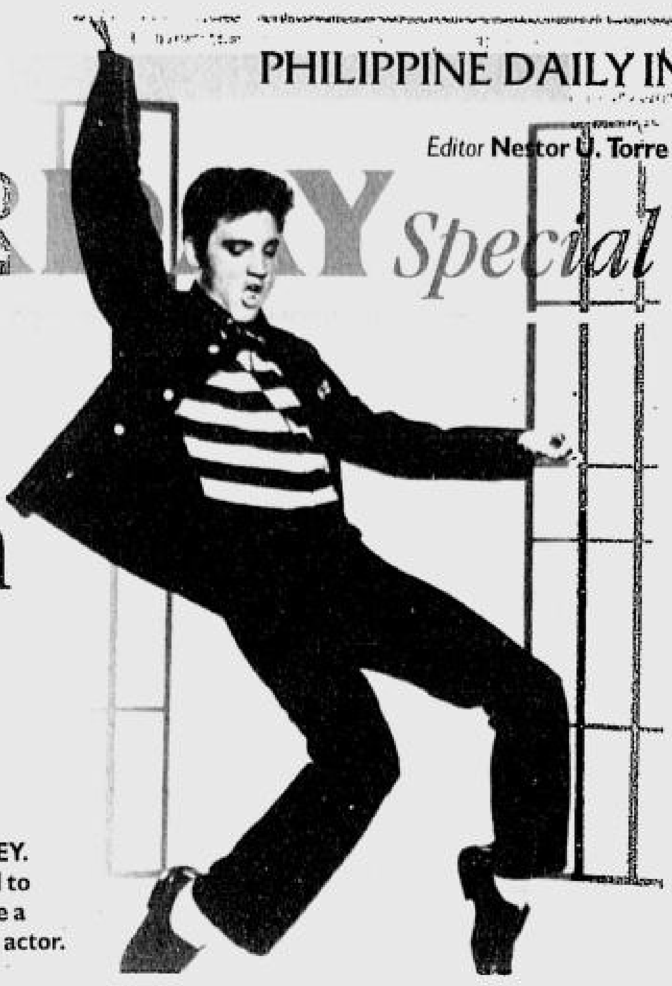
Elvis fans gather for 26th anniversary of his death

By Woody Baird



PRESLEY. Longed to become a serious actor.

MEMPHIS, Tennessee—Elvis Presley might have become a decent actor if manager Tom Parker hadn't been so eager to cash in on a string of lackluster movies, says a songwriter who created music for some of the films.

Title song

Mike Stoller and partner Jerry Leiber, authors of the title song for the movie "Jailhouse Rock," wrote more than 20 songs recorded by Presley, including his No. 1 hit, "Hound Dog." With Stoller handling the music and Leiber providing the lyrics, they also contributed many songs to the Presley movie soundtracks.

Stoller, 70, met with Elvis fans who crowded into the Presley estate's Beale Street club Monday night to watch "Jailhouse Rock" and begin a week-long observance of the 26th anniversary of the death of the King of Rock 'n' Roll.

Presley longed to be a serious actor but Parker, who adopted the title "Colonel," did nothing to help him, Stoller said.

Golden goose

"Unfortunately, the Colonel had the golden goose, and he wanted him to keep cranking it out," Stoller said.

Presley starred in 31 movies between 1956 and 1969, each a work only Elvis fans could love.

Stoller said he never understood why Presley gave Parker so much control over his life and career. Many of Parker's decisions appeared to be more for his own benefit than for Presley's—taking 50 percent of the star's income for management fees, while the industry standard was 10 to 20 percent.

"The Colonel's only interest was the Colonel's," Stoller said. "Elvis was merely a vehicle for the Colonel's greed."

Presley was 42 when he died Aug. 16, 1977, of drug abuse and heart disease at his Memphis residence. The house, Graceland, now draws more than 600,000 tourists a year.

Parties

Graceland is the center of an annual string of get-togethers focused on the death anniversary. Over the week, estate managers expect up to 4,000 people a day to tour Graceland.

The week's highlight is a candlelight procession past Presley's grave in a garden beside Graceland. Beginning on the night of the 15th and running into the next day, it often draws 15,000 to 20,000 fans.

This year, the fans also celebrate the 35th anniversary of Presley's 1968 TV special, "Elvis," which marked his return from Hollywood to the concert stage. It's also the 30th anniversary of his 1973 TV special broadcast around the world, "Elvis: Aloha from Hawaii."

Inductees

Leiber and Stoller, 1987 inductees into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, wrote hundreds of songs for a long list of entertainers.

They got a major career boost with their first contact with Presley after he recorded "Hound Dog," which Leiber and Stoller originally wrote for rhythm and blues singer Big Mamma Thornton.

Stoller was on vacation in Europe when Presley recorded "Hound Dog." On Stoller's return, Leiber greeted him at the New York harbor.

"He said, 'Hey man, we've got a smash hit,'" Stoller said. "I said, 'Big Mama Thornton's record?' He said, 'No, some white kid named Elvis Presley.' I said, 'Elvis who?'" *AP*

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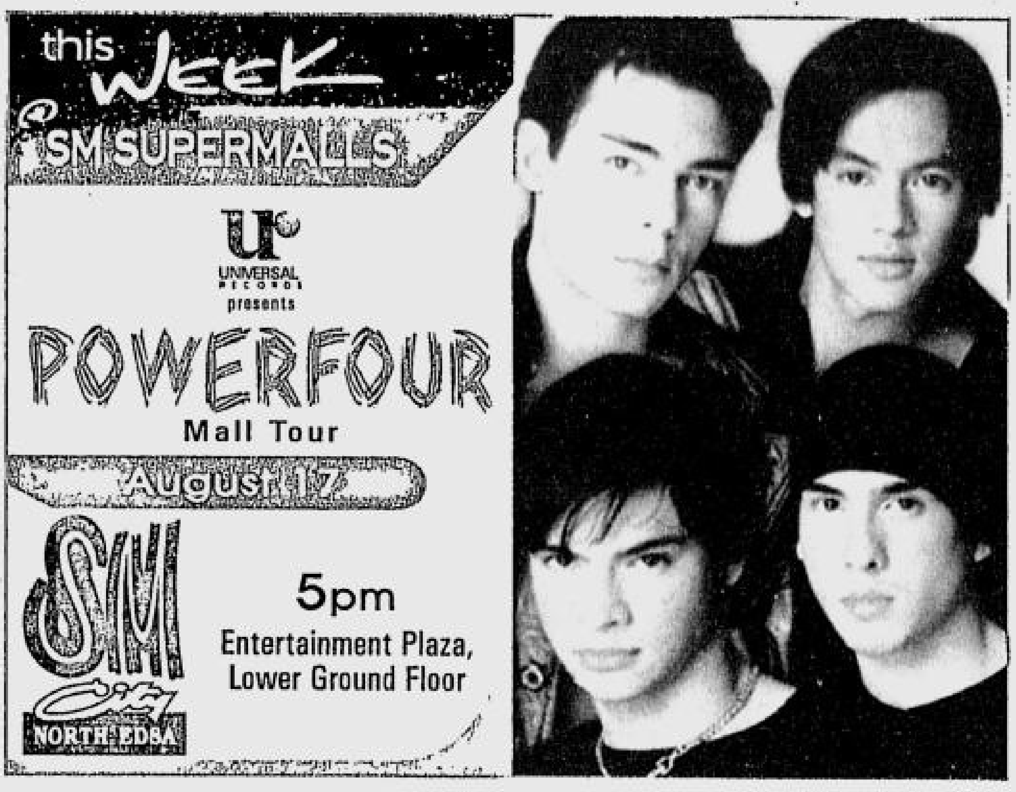

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It's 'Showtime' for Robert Seña

SENA. Stars in big solo concert.

By Nestor U. Torre

THE "BIG BAND" sound has always had a special place in singer-actor Robert Seña's heart. No, he wasn't around in the '40s, when bands led by the classy likes of Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey made dancing one of the world's most popular indoor "sports" and treats.

But their music "sends" him just the same—which is why it's what he's chosen to highlight in "Showtime," his big solo show at Music Museum on Sept. 12 and 13.

Preeminent position

It's taken Robert more than 15 years to get to his preeminent position today, as one of the country's top tenors and most acclaimed musical-theater lead players.

We've been fortunate to have been a part of that long learning and self-discovery process, so Robert's forthcoming is shaping up as a landmark event for our musical *barkada* as well.

It all began at the CCP in the '80s, when our and Gines Tan's "Magsimula Ka" provided a venue for the gifted but then little-known likes of Isay Alvarez, Jograd dela Torre, Gigi Posadas, Triccia Amper (now Jimenez) and Bobby Martino to showcase their musical talents, which would later take some of them to international stages, as well.

High tenor voice

Robert joined "Magsimula Ka" later, and from the very start, his amazingly high tenor voice demanded listeners' rapt attention. Even better, he demonstrated that he had the sensitive, giving soul of a genuine theater artist, so we immediately earmarked him for lead roles.

Unfortunately, he was having personal problems at the time, so his performances were erratic. Thus, we decided to start him off in smaller roles, to give him time to get his act together.

He did that soon enough, and we cast him in bigger roles in our other musicals, like "Mga Anghel sa Lupa," where he played a record number of seven different roles. Talk about versatility!

Then came the London production of "Miss Saigon," where Robert started at the bottom rung of the performing ladder. Slowly and surely, however, he proved his mettle, and started moving up.

His first breakthrough was when he copped the showy second-lead role of Thuy, the young Vietnamese officer who was female lead character Kim's intended. Dramatically and passionately, Robert made the role his own, and audiences cheered. An international musical-theater star was about to be born.

The next major triumph was when producer Cameron Mackintosh decided that Robert, despite his relatively young age, was ready to play the show's male lead role, The Engineer, the same part that had given Jonathan Pryce an Olivier award.

Robert did so well in the demanding role that, after he left "Miss Saigon," he was snapped up to play Judas in the revival production in London of "Jesus Christ, Superstar." The role is a vocal and emotional roller-coaster, but Robert essayed it with flying colors.

In fact, when the blockbuster production was concluding its performances, the cast members and staffers were polled on which of the six singers who had played Judas in the course of its run had been the best, and the winner was—Robert Seña.

At about that time, Robert felt that he had been performing abroad too long, and his and Isay Alvarez's children needed to grow up in the Philippines.

But he was insecure about moving his performing base here, since he didn't know if the audience here would open its arms to musical-theater artists like him.

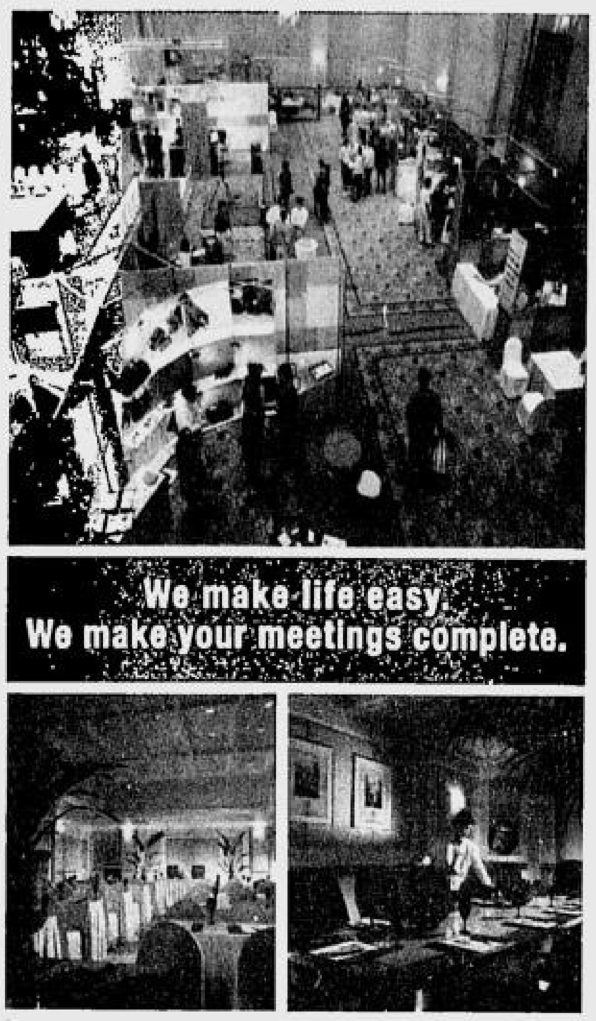
He wasn't a pop singer, after all, so his fears weren't unfounded. We felt, however, that he could have a good career here and advised him to give it a good try for two years. If it didn't pan out, he could always go back to London.

Local audiences

Well, after only a year, Robert happily realized that local audiences *were* appreciating his talents, so he knew that he had come home to stay.

He keeps performing in one production after another, is doing many smaller shows on the side, is a frequent guest on TV, has cut two albums—and now, he's starring in his very own solo concert at Music Museum.

Aside from nostalgic "swing" numbers, Robert will be performing cuts from his albums, as well as the vocally-demanding numbers from operas for which he has become famous. Call 721-6762.



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Mikee's family is her top priority

By Jocelyn Valle

MIKEE Cojuangco-Jaworski describes her personal style as practical. "I'm not the type who owns lots of clothes. I'm more into basic items like a white shirt and khaki pants that I can mix and match with my other clothes. This belt," she says, pointing to her waist, "is a scarf."

Fashion tip

The 29-year-old actress and equestrienne says that she got the fashion tip from one of her four equally-beautiful sisters.

She's likewise not fussy about her looks. "I wear make-up only when I have to," she shares.

Mikee shares that she's a sucker for exercise gadgets, but she only gets to use them when she's not riding her horse for either personal training or teaching. "I ride for three hours, five times a week, so it's like working out *na rin*," says the still svelte and sweet Swatch girl, now the mother of two active boys.

She considers hosting the new season of Channel 7's lifestyle program, "All About You" (after Lucy Torres and Dawn Zulueta) as the "vainest" period in her life. "But I'll be learning as well from the guests who'll share their thoughts and tips on the show," she acknowledges.

Mikee introduces new segments on career, health, money and viewers' reactions that will complement the regular portions on style, body, home and general well-being. "And I will try to look at the practical side," she offers, explaining that not everybody may be able to afford some of her guests' suggestions.

COJUANGCO-JAWORSKI. Not fussy about her looks.

Among "All About You's" segments, "Your Being" is Mikee's favorite. "It's about what makes us feel good about ourselves," she explains. "And I'm the type who can find goodness in everything, so it would be great to help viewers find something good in their lives."

She can talk endlessly about her husband Dodot and their kids Robbie, 3, and Rafael, 1. "We want a maximum of four kids," she smiles, showing her famous dimples. "*S'yempre* I also want to have a baby girl."

Kids

Mikee is rarely away from her kids. She even lets them tag along when she goes riding. "*Si Robbie ang mahilig sumakay sa kabayo,*" she informs us.

Clearly, her priority right now is her young family. She's even willing to set aside her political aspirations to give way to Dodot's plan to run for a congressional seat in Pasig City in next year's elections.

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Inspiring songs at convention for peace

By Rito P. Asilo

WE were at the Manila Hotel early this week upon the invitation of composer and TV-theater producer Lourdes Bing Pimentel to sing the song "Language of Love" (with former 14K member Nikki Junia) she especially composed for the East Asia Women's Convention for Global Peace.

Upbeat tunes

We are familiar with *Tita* Bing's songs, from the feisty, upbeat tunes of her musical revue, "Huwag Pumayag sa Dagdag-Bawas," which bats for electoral reforms, to her soaring, dramatic melodies in the popular touring religious revue, "Nasaan si Hesus?"

"Language of Love's" message of peace was further enhanced by a particularly inspired arrangement by "Himig Handog" finalist Leo Quinitio.

What made the invitation doubly special for us was that the song was going to be performed at the conferment of its Peace Award—and this year's recipient is no other than former President Corazon Aquino! Her mere presence made the event truly special.

Awardees

Other humanitarian awardees included Marietta Goco (small-scale finance), Dr. Jemilah Hadji Mahmood of Malaysia (medicine), Dr. Amanah Tan of Singapore (free legal services) and Sr. Mary John Mananzan (education).

It was inspiring to observe this group of women, made up of Christian and Muslim leaders, as they went about their business to make sure that the program would run smoothly.

PIMENTEL. "Language of Love" composer.

We listened as they changed the program's sequence to accommodate the schedules of their busy guests. But never did we see tempers flaring and egos flying, as is common in high-profile socio-political get-togethers.

Instead, the women leaders banded together to stress the need for peaceful coexistence between faiths, thus further demonstrating that, indeed, if we honestly want peace, it will have to be achieved together.

Contrast

Also in attendance that night was President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, who was herself conferred an Award of Distinction for her peacemaking efforts. When *Tita* Bing posed between the two presidents for photographers, it was amusing to see the contrast in Cory and President Arroyo's respective public demeanors—the former with her conspicuous smile and the latter with her business-like facade.

Adding to the sedate atmosphere that night were the UP Singing Ambassadors, who performed wonderfully-arranged choral pieces of classical and contemporary songs, including the aptly chosen song "The Prayer," Willy Cruz's "Bituing Walang Ningning," and the delightful "Kalesa."

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Slow but certain build-up of suspense

By Noelani Torre

IT may not be the scariest movie of all time, but Hideo Nakata's "Dark Water" (Honogurai mizu no soko kara) is certainly one of the most spine-tingling we've seen in years.

It's not surprising, really, as the film is helmed by the same guy who gave us the phenomenal "Ringu" series.

"DARK WATER." Pervasive air of uneasiness.

Comparisons

Comparisons, then, are inevitable: Though there are those who assert that "Dark Water" pales in comparison to "Ringu," we'd like to stress that, despite their commonalities, these are still two dissimilar movies which evoke different sets of reactions from viewers.

The commonalities are in the themes—the abandoned child, single parenthood, the mother-child relationship—and in the spare, but highly atmospheric shots. Also, the eerily effective score by Kenji Kawai.

Spirit story

Like the earlier Nakata film(s), "Dark Water" is a ghost story. More specifically, it is a *shinrei mono*, or spirit story, which means that it has more mystery elements than your typical horror flick.

The film revolves around a young single mother, Matsubara Yoshimi (Hitomi Kuroki), and her five-year-old daughter Ikuko (Rio Kanno). Yoshimi is in the middle of divorce proceedings and has to convince the authorities that she should be granted custody of her daughter, a claim that her neglectful husband contests by claiming that Yoshimi's previous work-related breakdown makes her an unfit mother.

In the meantime, mother and daughter have to find a new, cheap apartment.

Strange things start happening when they move in—in the elevator, Yoshimi feels a child's hand in her clasp, a child's red bag pops up in the most unexpected places, and she keeps seeing glimpses of a long-haired little girl in a yellow raincoat.

The most ominous sign, however, is a water stain on her bedroom ceiling that spreads everyday, and drips. The dripping sound is the most menacing we've ever heard in a movie.

There is no part in this movie where the viewer can feel comfortable. This isn't a comfortable movie, period! The film is imbued with an underlying anxious energy that is all the more effective for its being repressed.

Nakata excels in the slow build-up of suspense, like the steady dripping of water from the ceiling into a bowl. The continuous drip, drip, drip and the gradually spreading stain work slowly but surely on your nerves, sensitizing them for later, more intense contact.

The pace of "Dark Water" is slower when compared to "Ringu," thus the viewer's fear develops in stages, and insidiously. Before you know it, you're scrunching in your seat, totally terrified.

What gives this film its pervasive air of uneasiness is the fact that the horror centers around the objects and places we usually feel safest with—the bathtub in the bathroom, the bedroom in your own home.

Mounting fear

And because the element of mystery is always there, we keep on watching, despite the mounting fear, so we can finally find out the whys and wherefores of the clues that have been dropped throughout the movie—the red bag, the poster of a missing girl, and the continuous presence of all that water.

Of course, we could guess early on, especially after a hank of hair flows from the faucet into Yoshimi's glass, that there must be a dead body floating around somewhere (again shades of Sadako and her watery grave), but we don't know why and how.

This is no blood and gore flick. The only red thing you'll be seeing that has any significance is the red bag. The denouement, however, involving a great deal of water, a child, and an elevator, will give you a visceral rush that no bloodletting can equal.

We don't want to give away the story, but we can tell you that, unexpectedly, and even more significantly than in "Ringu," "Dark Water" has at its core the most basic of human relationships—that between parent and child.

Jan Isaac goes from commercial model to singer

By Andy P. Bais

MENTION the name Lumen and the "wais na misis" tag readily comes to mind. The name of the lead character in a detergent commercial has become popular, but only a few know the identity of the actress playing the character.

ISAAC. Her family's breadwinner.

Alter ego

But Jan Isaac, who portrays Lumen, isn't bothered that her "*wais*" alter ego always has upstaged her true identity.

The erstwhile Sandra Gomez, who appeared with Monsour del Rosario in her movie debut, is thankful for the success of her commercial, even if it's meant putting on hold her growth as an actress.

She's the family's breadwinner, so she's grateful for the income she's earned as a commercial model. With her earnings, she has been able to send her three siblings to school.

All is not lost, however, as far as Jan's other passion is concerned. Recently, she reinvented herself as a singer, starting as one of the frontliners of an acoustic band, January Summer.

Real name

Jan, whose real name is January, says that she had no musical background. "*Pa*-jamming-jamming *lang ako* with my friends, who were members of a band," she explains.

It was during one of her jamming sessions with a band at Café Lupe along Edsa in Makati that her vocal prowess was discovered, and the cafe's owners hired her as a regular performer.

At Café Lupe recently, Jan was a hit. Her duet numbers with Patrick

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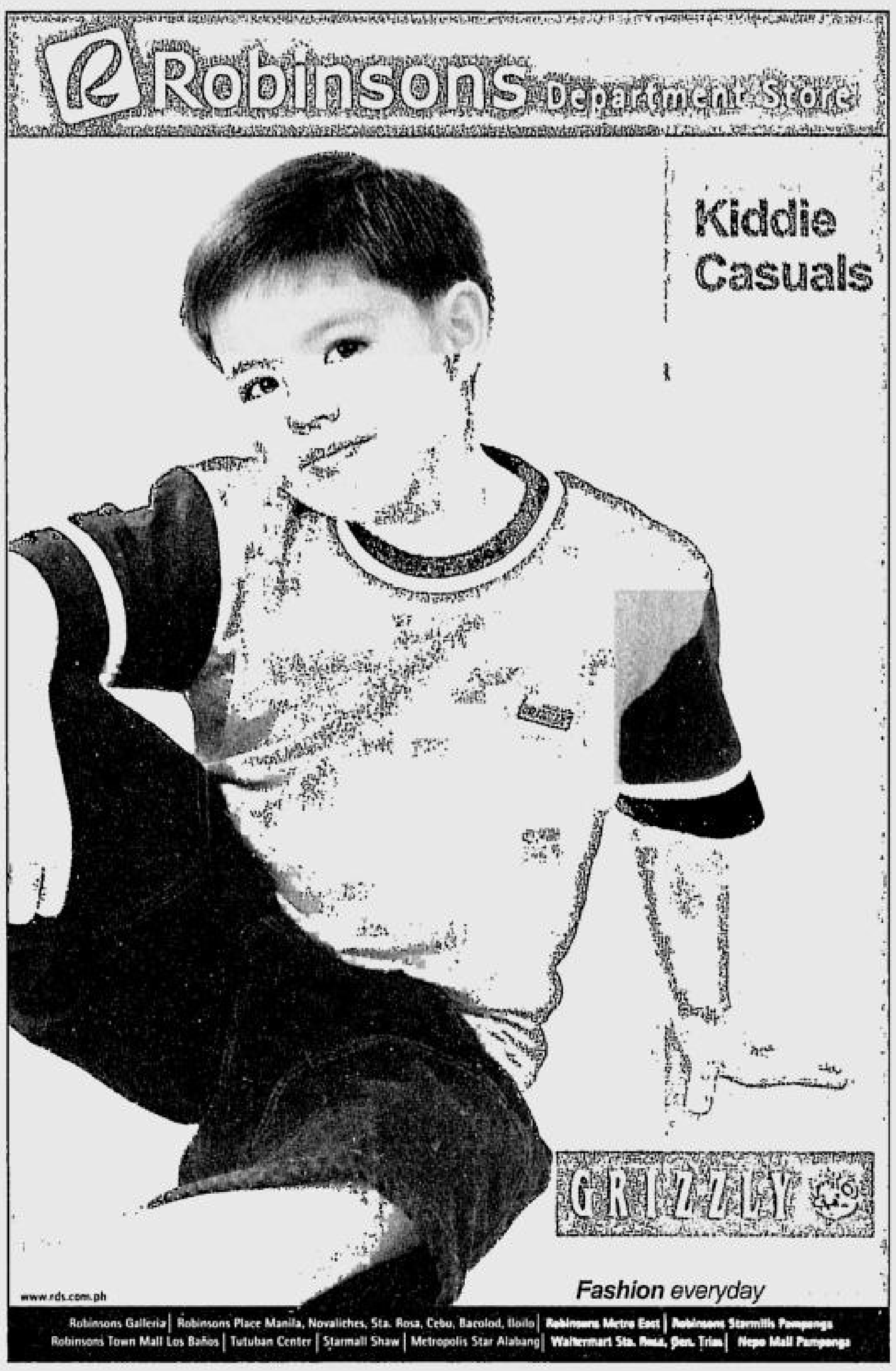
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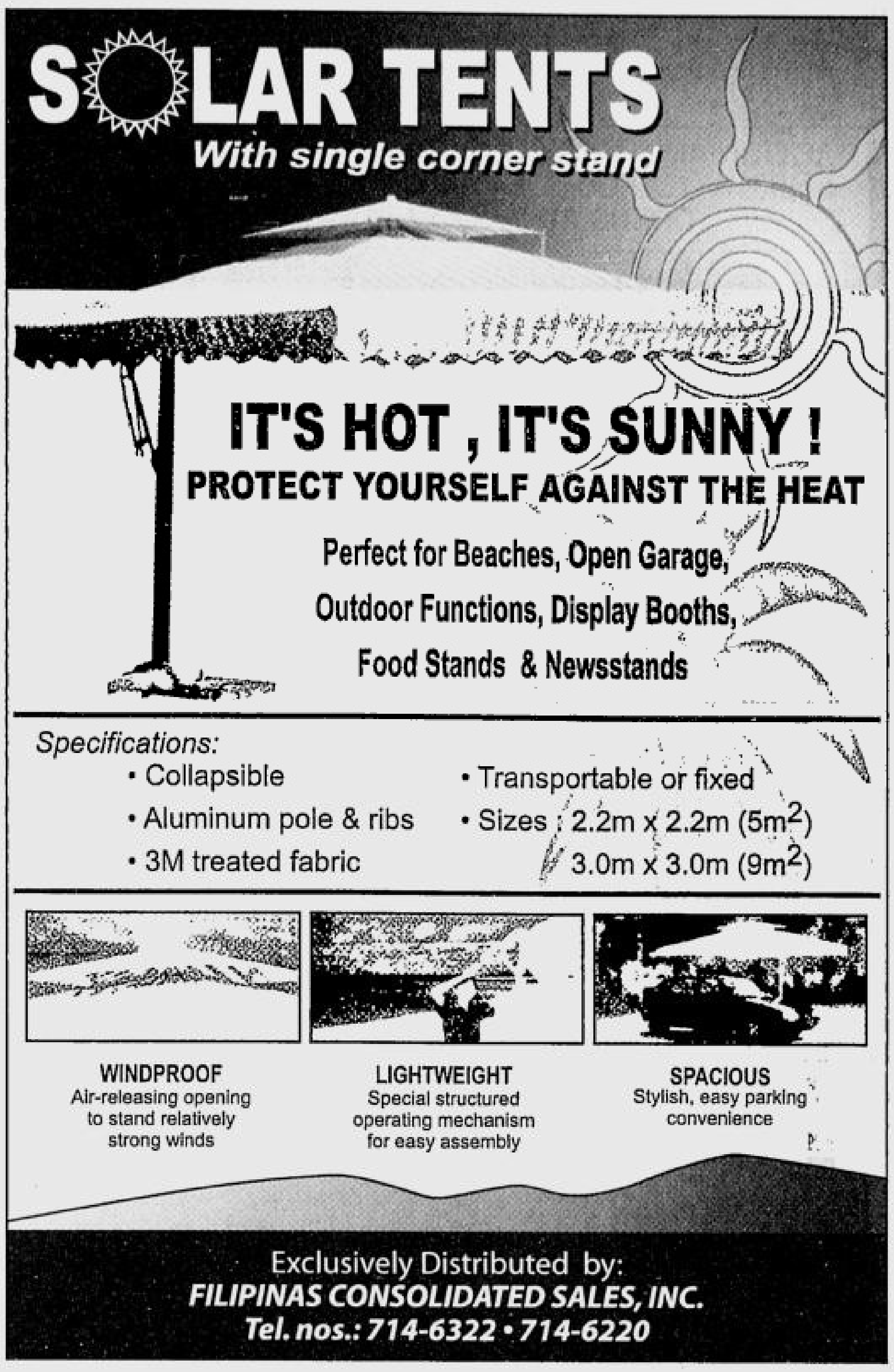
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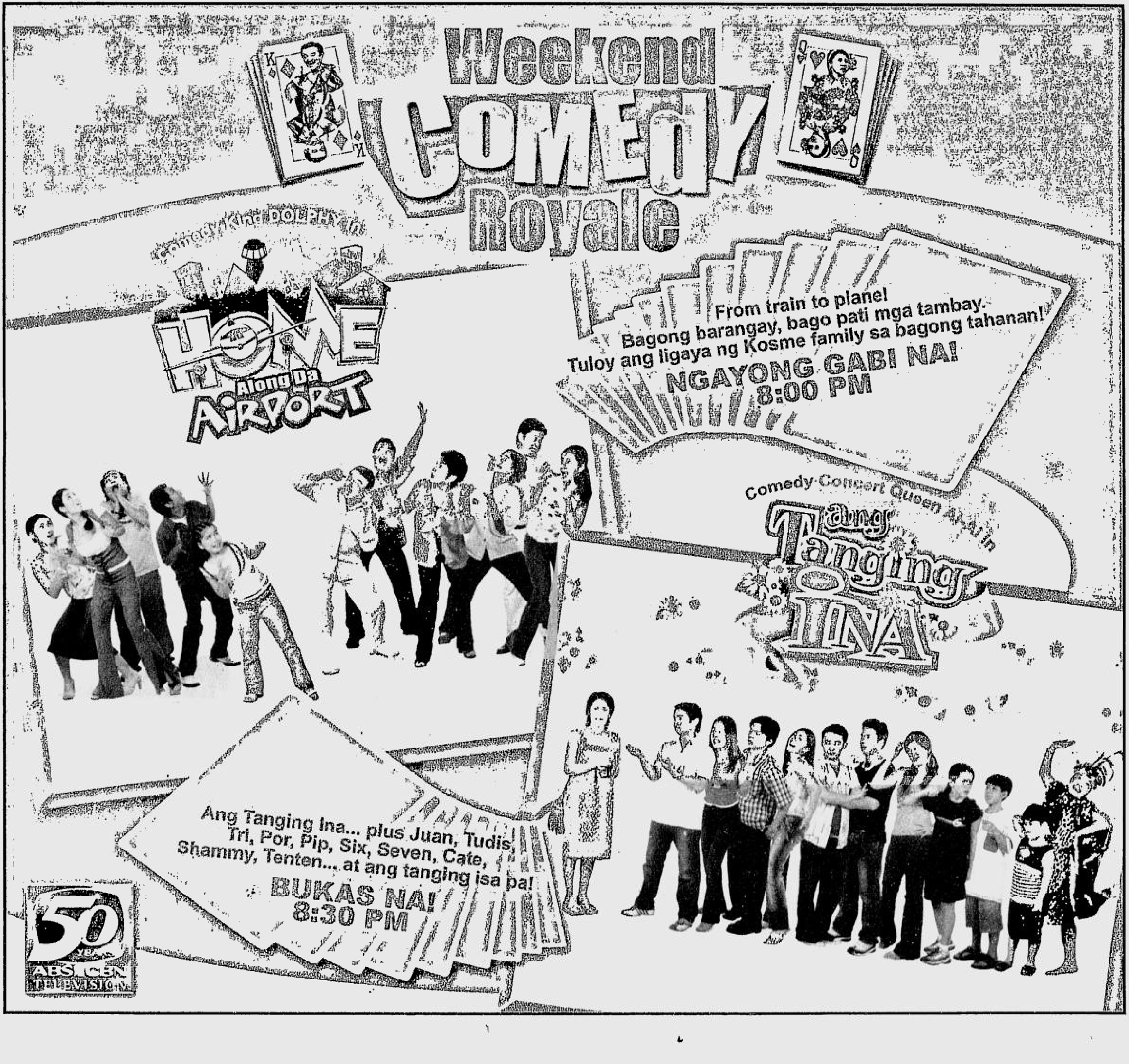
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Jay R makes his presence felt with all-R & B album

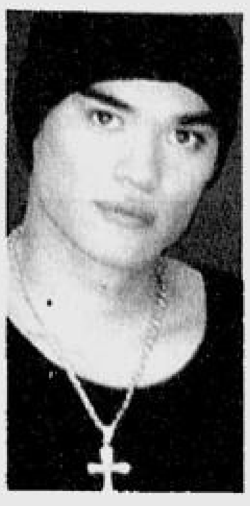
By Andy P. Bais

UPCOMING R&B artist Jay R can easily pass for an action star—he has the height, looks and build. But the 22-year-old Fil-Am import would rather concentrate on his mission: "Be the first guy to bring R&B closer to the *masa, kasi maliit lang ang market ng* R&B *dito."*

Siblings

Jay R can speak Tagalog fluently, even if he was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. "Both of my parents are Filipinos and all of us including my three siblings, speak Tagalog at home," he explains.

The 5'-11" hunk has been in the Philippines for five months now. He has a regular stint on GMA-7's 'SOP,' where his vocal prowess is showcased in the Sunday noontime show's specials numbers.



JAY R. Comes from a family of singers.

No surprise

Jay R comes from a very musical environment: both of his parents are singers, and so are his brother and two sisters. It came as no surprise that, at age 13, he was already a member of a band and had performed in gigs all over Southern California.

At 16, he was already an experienced recording session musician and had provided back-up vocals for recordings of some leading artists.

This time around, it's Jay R's turn to embark on the realization of his mission by coming up with a purely R&B album. Titled "Gameface," the album has 12 cuts, all recorded and produced in the States.

He admits that the album is an experimental endeavor. "I will see the reaction of the Filipino audience. If they don't like it, I'll make the necessary adjustments. But I won't go as far as singing songs *ala* Sexbomb or Masculados. *Hindi ko linya yon.*

"Maybe I can do other types of songs like pop, dance, reggae and ballads, but definitely not as the artist. I would just produce them for other singers," he adds.

His first album was produced by Nu Life Entertainment in the USA and released in the Philippines by Universal Records Inc. It was launched recently on "SOP," and its carrier single, "Design For Luv" is already a radio favorite. Its video was shot in the States.

There are plans to release the album abroad, because his handlers believe that Jay R can make it internationally.

Jay R co-wrote three of the songs in his album. It attempts to please the *masa* by including two Tagalog compositions, "Kaibigan" by his sister Christine Sillona, and "Bakit Pa Ba?" by Vehnee Saturno, which could become a hit.

Jan Isaac goes from . . .

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Alvarez, another talented find, were also well-received.

Manager

Patrick is the band's manager and also acts as Jan's vocal coach. What is his assessment of Jan's development as a singer? "She has markedly improved. She's a diligent student and never fails to vocalize everyday."

Aside from their common love for music, Jan and Patrick share a passion for martial arts. The five-member band hopes to come up with an album of original compositions. There are also plans for concerts in small venues to launch Jan as a singer.

Pops is on a roll

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Pops is slated to star in a new soap opera on GMA-7. Although hounded by intrigue in her career and private life, Pops has remained cool through it all. What matters is that she now has control over every aspect of her life.

Despite her hectic schedule, Pops will return to the concert stage for a one-night-only engagement, "Pops Live! At the Shang" at Makati Shangri-La Manila on Aug. 30. She will interpret classic tunes, Broadway hits and motion picture soundtracks. Call 551-8999.

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Graduate." Aug. 21 at 12:45 p.m., "Power." Aug. 22 at 6 a.m., "Goodfellas." 8:30 a.m., "The Bridges at Toko-Ri." 3:45 p.m., "From Here to Eternity."

On HBO: Aug. 16 at 9 p.m., "The One." Aug. 17 at 8 a.m., "Love and Basketball." 11:30 a.m., "In the Line of Fire." 1:30 p.m., "Forrest Gump." 5:30 p.m., "Cast Away." 9:45 p.m., "Black Hawk Down." Aug. 18 at 9:15 a.m., "King Solomon's Mines." 11 a.m., "Training Day." 1 p.m., "Apollo 13."

Aug. 19 at 10:30 a.m., "Brian's Song." Aug. 20 at 11:15 a.m., "The Grinch." Aug. 21 at 5:30 p.m., "Lost in Yonkers." 12:45 a.m., "The Accidental Tourist." Aug. 22 at 6 a.m., "The Crew."

On Star Movies: Aug. 16 at 9 p.m., "101 Dalmatians." Aug. 17 at 9 p.m., "Taken"—"God's Equation." Aug. 18 at 9 p.m., "Waiting to Exhale." Aug. 19 at 9 p.m., "In the Name of the Father." Aug. 20 at 9 p.m., "Double Take." Aug. 21 at 9 p.m., "Legally Blonde." Aug. 22 at 9 p.m., "Monkeybone."

'Byk 101'

On "Byk 101" at 3:30 p.m. on IBC-13 today, Tessa Nieto will be featured in the show's "Bike Babe" portion. And motorcycle enthusiast Diether Ocampo will introduce viewers to his new love, the exotic Italian model, MV Augusta.

Other features are on the new 600cc sports bikes from Honda and Kawasaki, and the basic motorcycle skill of breaking.

'Home Along da Airport'

At 8 p.m. today, "Home Along da Riles" is moving locations and reinventing itself as "Home Along da Airport." Now that their former neighborhood is giving way to a railway rehabilitation project, Kevin Cosme (Dolphy) and his family are moving to a house near the airport.

The change of location means new characters and plotlines. The characters will be played by Dennis Padilla, Aubrey Miles, Camille Prats, Alyssa Gibbs, Long Mejia and John Wayne Sace.

Tribute to Larry Alcala

Ang Ilustrador ng Kabataan, a group of children's book artists, holds its 12th annual exhibit as a tribute to the late, great Larry Alcala. Titled " Al Alcala," the exhibit opens today (Alcala's birthday) and runs until Sept. 20 at the UP College of Fine Arts.

Alcala's comic strip book, "Kongresman Kalog," will be launched and his well-loved comic strips dramatized. New children's books will also be launched, workshops for kids will be held and Rene Villanueva will speak on writing and illustrating for children.

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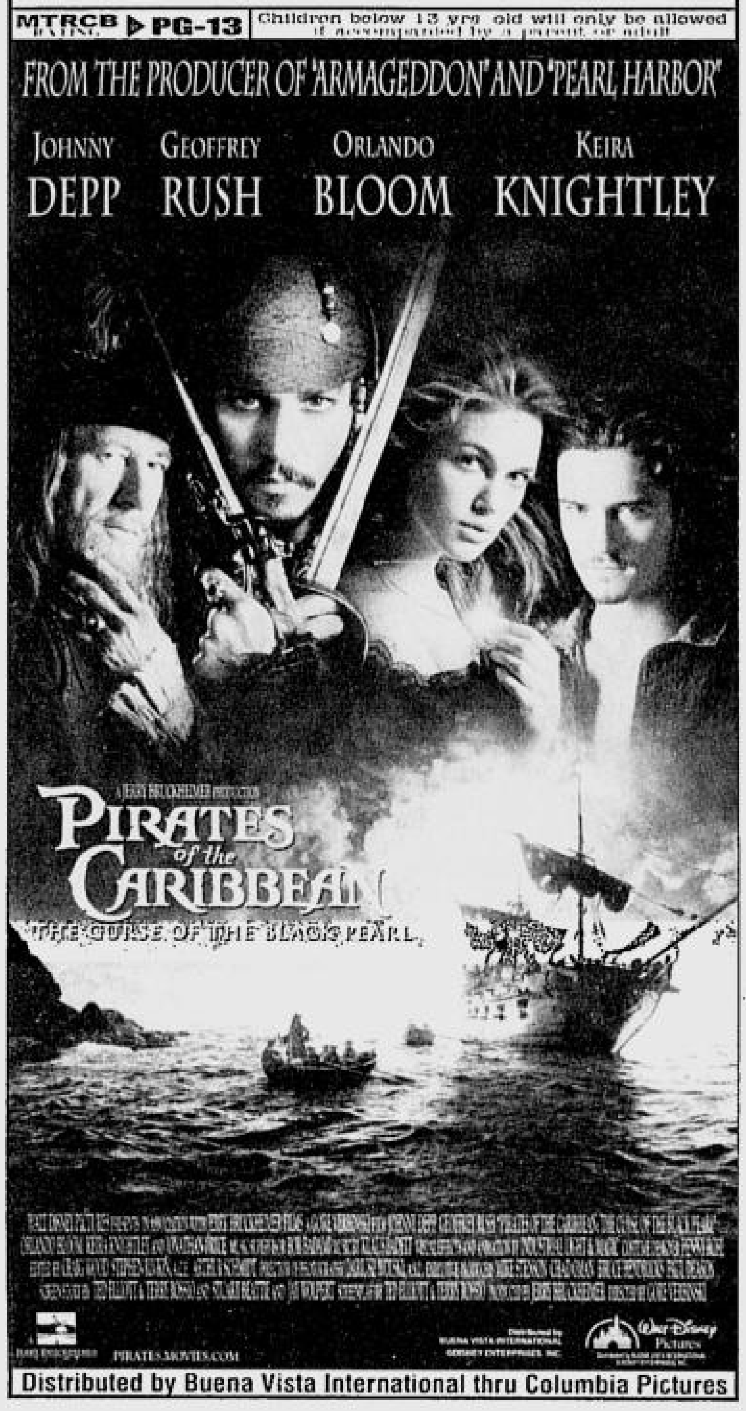

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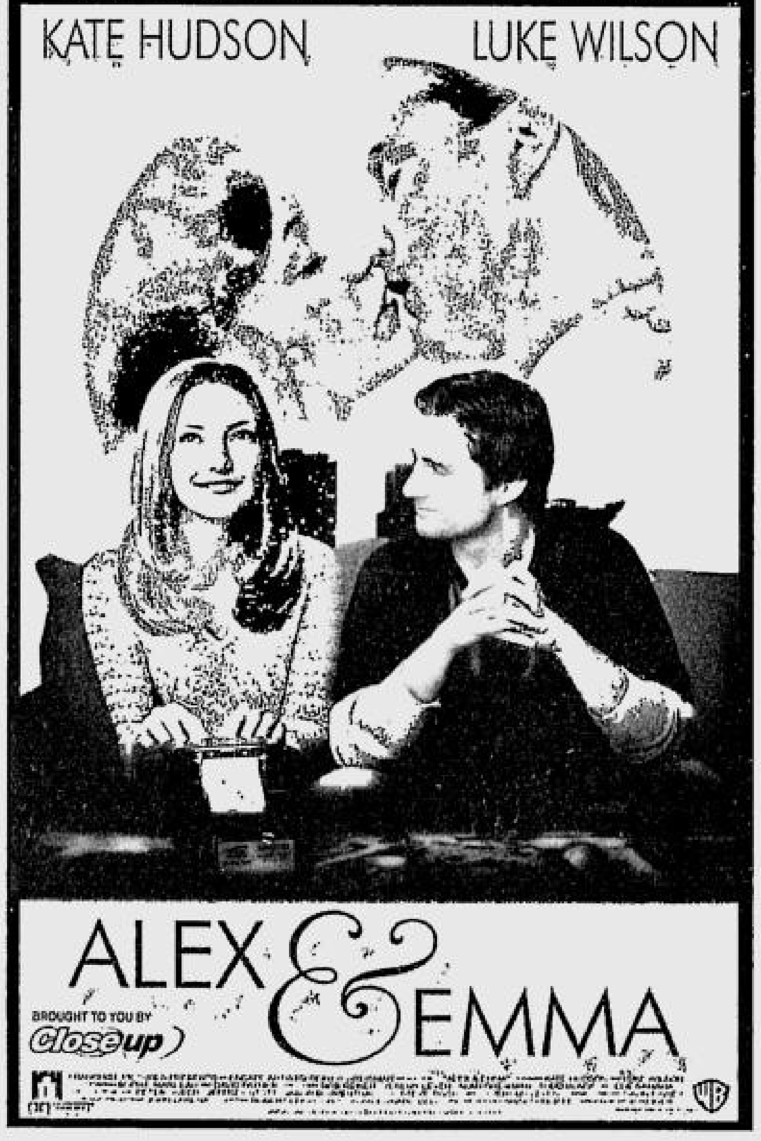

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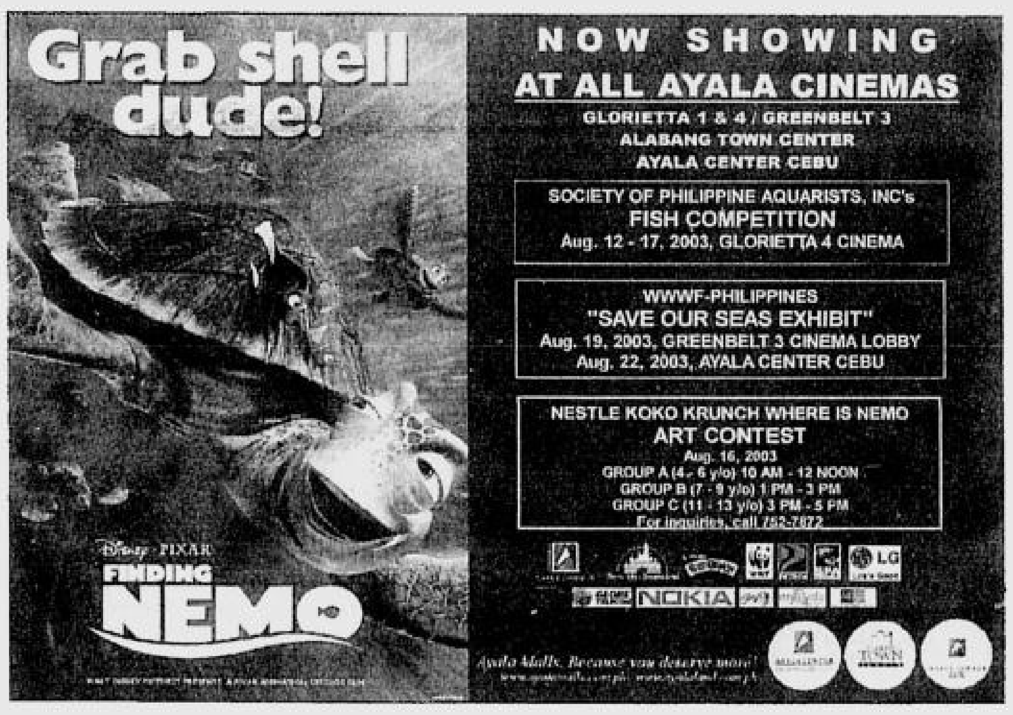

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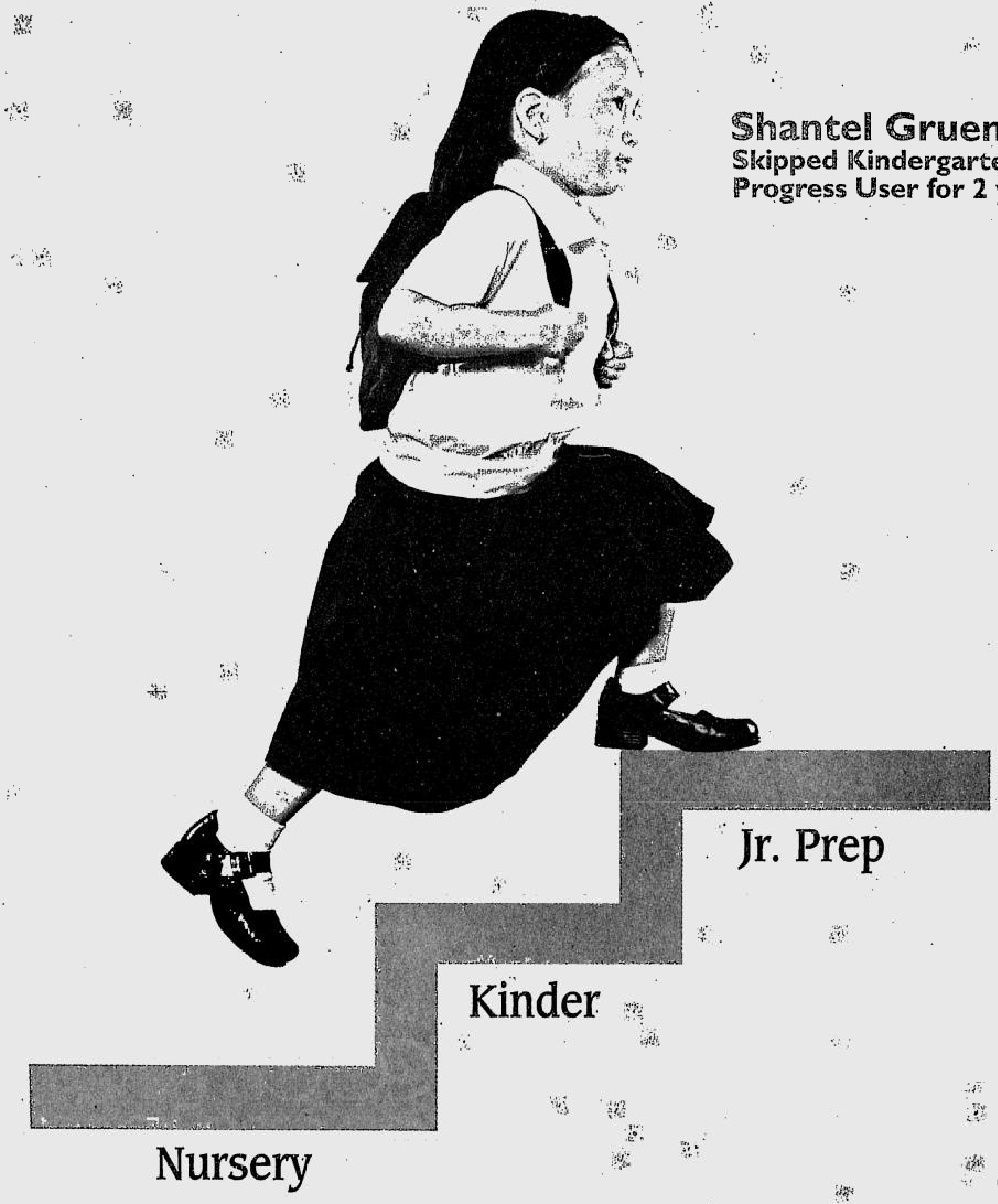
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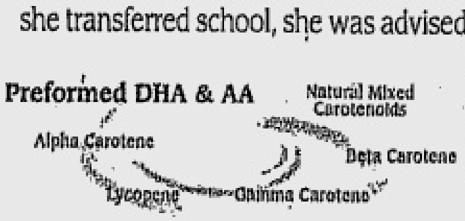
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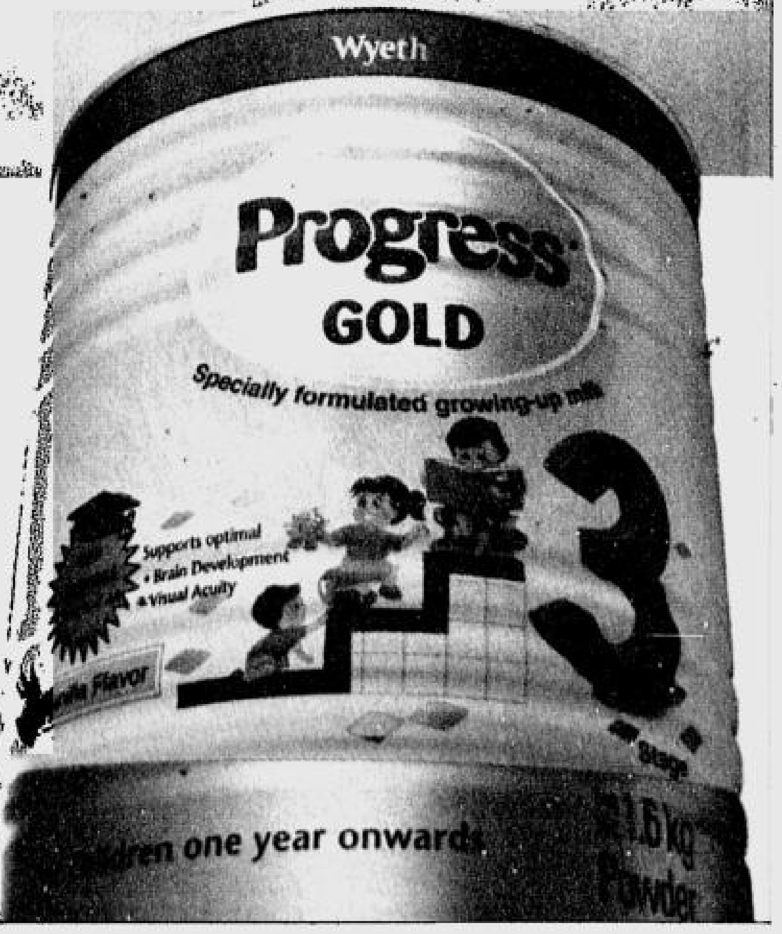
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Jacqui Magno marks golden year with special show

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Nestor U. Torre

IN the '70s and '80s, Jacqui Magno was known as Manila's prime female exponent of jazz. We can still recall her excellent interpretation of "The Rose," which fully expressed the song's beauty and pathos. To us, this indicated that Jacqui was not just a singer, but also a feeling actress and person—a total performer.

Life of spirituality

But there came a time when she was prepared to give everything up to join the Ananda Marga, and devote herself to a life of spirituality. She dropped out of sight, and for years her friends wondered how she was.

Eventually, Jacqui missed singing and rejoined her friends and colleagues in the local music scene. But show biz had changed in her absence, so for a time, she wasn't sure how she could fit in again.

Then, one fine and golden day, she turned 50. And then, everything came together again. There's something about maturity that helps you cut through all of the irrelevant details, and focus on what's truly important to you.

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Top priority

To Jacqui, it is now clear that her top priority and the source of her greatest satisfaction is singing, not to a faceless audience in the hundreds, but to an empathetic, intimate crowd of music buffs who can appreciate her unique take on her songs and on life itself, her inspired, off-the-cuff stylings, and her musical insights.

To mark this new phase in her performing life, Jacqui will be showcased in a special show titled "Jacqui Magno, Gorgeous and Golden," tonight at Merk's Bar Bistro at Greenbelt. The show's musical director is Elmir Sayson, and featured musicians include Jon Jon Castañeda, Uly Avante, Mar Dizon and Gerry de Leon. Be there.

Movies on TV

On the Cinemax Channel: Aug. 16 at 6:30 a.m., "Journey to the Center of the Earth." 10:30 p.m., "The Godfather, Part 2." Aug. 17 at 5:45 p.m., "The Flying Dutchman." 1:35 a.m., "Dial M for Murder." Aug. 18 at 9:30 a.m., "Feds." 9 p.m., "Regarding Henry." 1:45 a.m., "The Sting."

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Pops is on a roll

SUCCESS came easy at an early age for Pops Fernandez. The television talk show "Penthouse Live" put Pops in the spotlight with future husband Martin Nievera. It was in 1983 with "Folks Meet Pops," her first major concert at the Folk Arts Theater, that she was catapulted to stardom. This was followed by shows in huge venues like the Araneta Coliseum and Ultra.

FERNANDEZ. More focused on her career.

Break-up

People thought Pops lived a fairytale kind of life, but later realized she wasn't spared from harsh reality as well. When news of her break-up with Martin first came out, many were devastated and sympathized with Pops.

But she was not the type to wallow in self-pity. After the annulment of their marriage, Pops bounced back and became more focused on her career.

Pops celebrated her birthday and 20th show biz anniversary with a major concert last December. This year, Pops shared the stage with Martin for a smash-hit post-Valentine reunion concert. And they are scheduled to do a series of shows in the US this October and November.

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Johnny Depp comes full circle

SHOW BIZ Q & A

Rito P. Asilo

FROM Jenilyn Hermosisima: "I am looking forward to watching 'Pirates of the Caribbean' because it has Johnny Depp in it. Did he and Winona ever get married? Any trivia?"

Forty-year-old Johnny Depp has been married twice (first, to Lori Allison and, currently, to French singer-actress Vanessa Paradis, with whom he has two kids)—but never to Winona Ryder. He almost married Ryder, but their three-year engagement ended acrimoniously in 1993.

Enviable niche

Before carving an enviable niche as a serious, idiosyncratic performer, he starred on TV's teen favorite "21 Jump Street," and in the sex-comedy flick, "Private Resort." But his first big break in the movies came in the original teen slasher classic, "A Nightmare on Elm Street."

Nineteen years after "Elm Street," Depp has sworn off hard partying, booze and drugs, and is now happy just watching over his kids. In an interview with Vanity Fair, he explains: "I know I have demons, but I look forward to having peace of mind. We all get there eventually." Despite his newfound blissful domesticity, his commitment to good film roles remains, along with his passion for music.

In between projects—he's currently connected to Stephen King's "Secret Window, Secret Garden" and Robert Rodriguez's "Once Upon a Time in Mexico"—Johnny plays the guitar with his band called "P."

Apparently, Depp is no pushover as a guitarist. His performance was featured in an album of the British rock group, "Oasis." Depp played lead guitar on the track, "Fade In-Out." Oasis's own lead guitarist was too drunk to perform for the recording, so celebrity pal Depp stepped in and nailed the lead in one take.

Perhaps, the secret of Depp's continued success lies in his ability to look back and acknowledge his humble beginnings. In 1991's "Freddy's Dead: The Final Nightmare," he appeared in a rare cameo, billed as "Oprah Noodlemantra." That's some alias!

The 5'10" actor was nominated three times for a Golden Globe for "Benny and Joon," "Ed Wood" and "Edward Scissorhands."

Sexiest male star

In 1995, he was voted Empire Magazine's "sexiest male movie star of all time." The following year, the London Critics Circle gave him the Best Actor award for "Ed Wood."

If Johnny Depp's intensity drove him to do crazy things in his youth, his sensitivity is leading him back to a life of tranquility now that he's older.

In another interview, he said, "One of the

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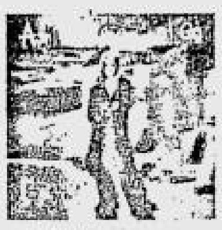
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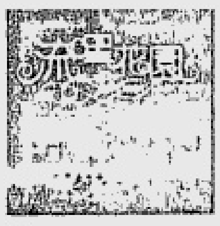
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Breaking barriers with Lou and Tia

By Rito P. Asilo

IT'S hard enough for Caucasian actors to land roles in a Hollywood feature film. Even popular names have to go through rigorous auditions to stay busy. That is why it's heartening to hear of Filipino actors hurdling the odds to break the casting trend in American productions, more so when they win lead roles.

PHILLIPS AND CARRERE. Showing the way for other Fil-Am talents.

Mother

There's Rob Schneider, whose mother, Pilar, is Filipino. The star of screwball comedies like "The Hot Chick," and "Deuce Bigalow," didn't make it to the 2003 Cinemanila event. But those who made it more than made up for the no-shows with their revealing honesty.

"Rob and Dean Devlin (producer of 'The Patriot,' 'Independence Day') pushed up their production schedules," explains Fritz Friedman—who, as senior vice president of worldwide publicity for Columbia TriStar, is the highest-ranking Filipino-American executive in the US entertainment industry.

Tia Carrere, who has starred in James Cameron's "True Lies," and TV's "Relic Hunter," admits that it hasn't been easy. "I feel privileged to have been at the forefront of that struggle when I came out 20 years ago," she says.

Nurse

"There were no people on television that looked like me. When I was on daytime TV (on the soap, "General Hospital") they wouldn't give me an interracial storyline because they thought it was wrong to have an Asian girl and a caucasian man engage in a romantic affair.

"Our storyline was so stilted that we were two Asian actors in the cast without an identity—they didn't even say what kind of Asians we were, because they thought we were all the same. Our dressing room was called the 'Asian quarter' because they couldn't even make a distinction between Filipino, Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese."

Lou Diamond Phillips, who rose to fame in such hits as "La Bamba" and "Courage Under Fire," says in jest, "I've been a 'closet Filipino' for a while. (laughs) When I started in the industry, I did not set out to become the most famous Filipino-American leading actor in Hollywood. I just wanted to be an actor—without classification, without hyphenates and without having to feel like I had to justify myself.

"Many times over the years, when I teach young actors from all walks of life, I always stress talent and who you are as an individual. Just follow your dream and don't explain yourself to anyone!"

Confidence

Maybe it's this confidence that led Lou to become a spokesperson for different "communities." He explains, "I had the honor to represent the Filipino community, but I was also given the chance to speak out for the Latino and the African-American communities."

Tia had a harder time but is thankful, nevertheless: "I feel honored that I've been able to squeak the door open a little bit here and a little bit there. With every role I get that is not expressly written for an accent-wielding Chinese girl, I feel like it brings us closer to having a well-rounded view of ethnic people.

"When the 'True Lies' audition came up, the script didn't say that my character had to be from any certain place, so I'd like to think that I got the job because I did the best that I could in my audition with James Cameron."

Lou, on the other hand, shares an anecdote about Sidney Poitier: "I ran into Mr. Poitier in a restaurant and as he was on his way out, I told him, 'Mr. Poitier, I want to thank you for opening doors for people like me to become a leading man.' In his infinite graciousness, he answered, 'Lou, you're a leading man because you're a good actor.'

"That meant the world to me. That's the beauty of cinema, we are ambassadors to the world, we speak to everyone's dreams, without barriers."

When we ask him if he's willing to make a movie in the Philippines, he says, "That's another reason why I'm here. When I met then-Vice President Arroyo, she asked me if I wanted to assist the Philippine movie industry. Ever since, I've had that dream of coming here to make a film and work with the many talented people in this country.

"It's been four years, and I hope we can address that soon—and talk about how to make a product that transcends borders, not just local but global as well, because that's the kind of world we live in today."

Johnny Depp comes full circle

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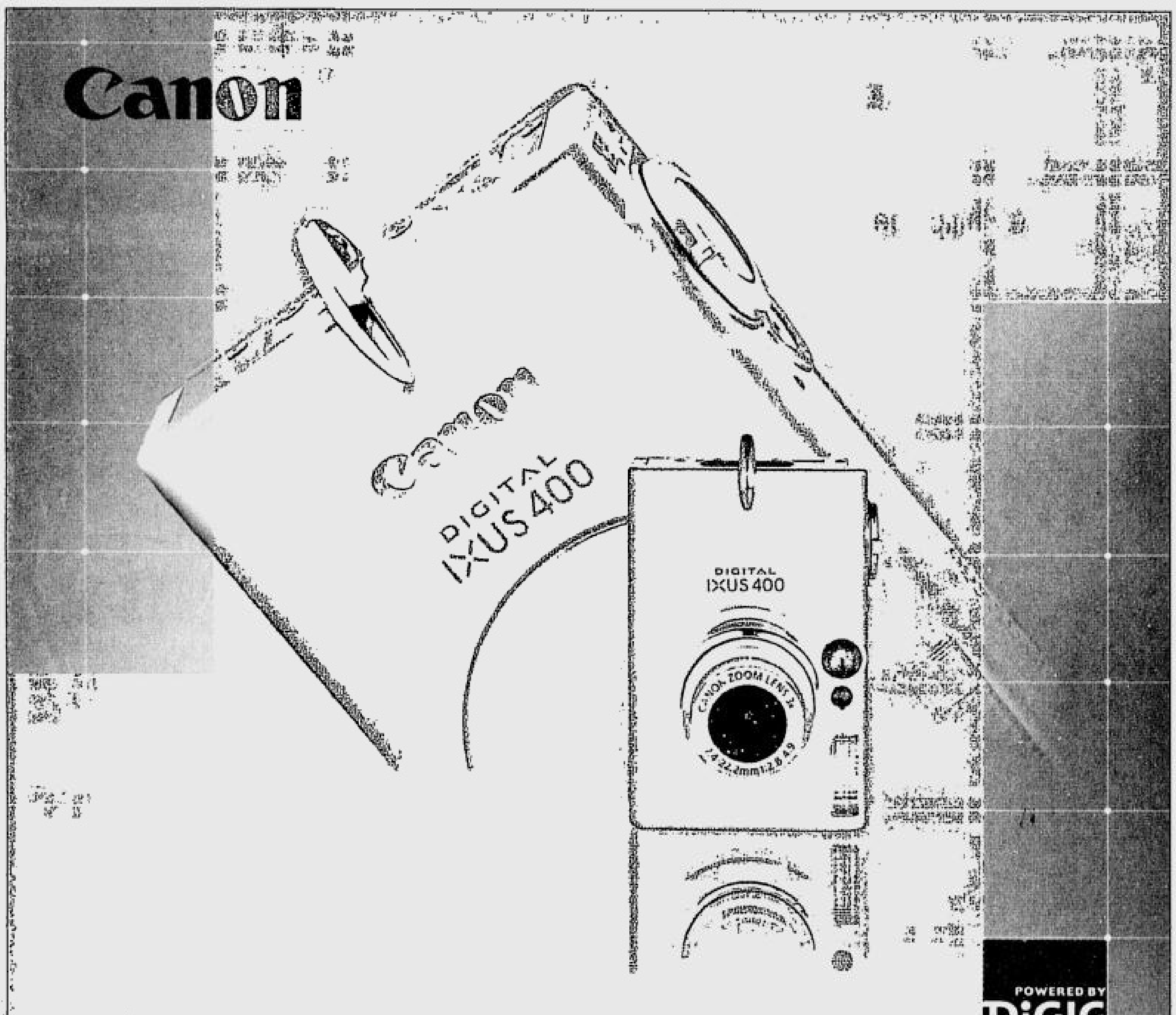
most incredible moments I've ever had was sitting in Vincent Price's trailer. I was showing him this first-edition book I have of the complete works of (Edgar Allan) Poe—with really amazing illustrations. Vincent went nuts over the drawings, and he started talking about 'The Tomb of Ligeia.'

"Then, he closed the book and began to recite it to me in this beautiful voice, filling the room with huge sounds. Such passion! I looked at the book later, and it was verbatim. Word-perfect! It was a great moment I'll never forget."



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DEAR Clara,

In last month's issue of O Magazine, US TV talk queen Oprah Winfrey wrote:

Early days

"In my early days on-air, I was guilty of irresponsible television without even knowing it—all in the name of 'entertainment.' More than a decade ago, my staff and I booked a husband caught in an adulterous sex scandal, and right there on our stage before millions of viewers, the wife heard for the first time that her partner had been unfaithful.

"It's a moment I have never forgotten: The humiliation and despair on that woman's face made me ashamed of myself for putting her in that position. Right then, I decided I'd never again be part of a show that demeans, embarrasses, or diminishes another human being.

"I replaced the 'If it bleeds, it leads' news philosophy with an intention that still guides me—to use the medium of television for its higher good. Once the light bulb came on for me that day, my calling became to create news that encourages and inspires as much as entertains—television that leaves guests with their dignity and helps us all see our lives in a different way."

Guilty

Clara, you know how much I adore Oprah. Reading her column made me feel both misty and poignant. Because I plead guilty to (mis)using the power of television to "demean, embarrass and diminish" another human being:

I capitalized on the sorrow of the parents of rape victims, exploited the misery of calamity survivors, and milked to the last drop the bitter tears of pain and suffering of many faceless and nameless folks.

And I took advantage not just of ordinary people but celebrities as well. Forever seared in my memory is the profoundly bewildered look on Lorna Tolentino's face when I presented to her live on "See-True" the father she never knew.

Lorna had earlier said she would give a million pesos to whoever could produce her so-called real, biological father. I immediately assigned your Tito Alex (Marcelino) to get to the bottom of the case—and he presented LT's dad in the flesh.

Debutante

Another time, before going to her grand coming-out party, radiant debutante Aiko Melendez dropped by "Eye to Eye" to promote her launching movie. Her jaw as well as her joy dropped when I presented a VTR interview of her sick father in the hinterlands of Batangas, spewing bitter recriminations against her.

Even the ever lovable megastar Sharon Cuneta wasn't spared my viciousness then. She and Gabby Concepcion were only a few days married when they guested on "See-True." They only had eyes for each other, but the VTR I showed was a chronicle of their many, colorful, past love affairs. Sha needed every bit of her good breeding to grin through it all. She kept her poise, but I knew she was seething inside.

At that time, I cried for blood and went to great lengths to produce it—all in the mighty name of entertainment and ratings. It didn't count that I eventually became friends with LT, Aiko and Sha. It was all so cruel, mean and vicious—and I was the grand dame of it all.

Producer

I have since seen the error of my ways. Which is why I am so happy to have "Inday, Heart to Heart" now. When your Ninang Kitchie, my producer, first told me that she wanted a new TV talk show that would reinvent and redefine me, I pooh-poohed what she said. But, as "Inday, Heart to Heart" has evolved into the beautiful thing it has become, I can only be happy and grateful.

These past weeks that I have been decommissioned by this pesky inconvenience named Bell's Palsy, I allowed myself to dream of TV show formats I'd like to either produce or host, or both:

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Dearest Clara, I am sick, and I may be crazy, too. But if God still wants to use me, I shall be happy to lend myself to His service.

Birthday special

LAST Aug. 6, I celebrated my nth birthday. My "Inday, Heart to Heart" staff wanted a two-part birthday special for me, and made elaborate plans to make it truly wonderful. Imagine their consternation when they found out that I couldn't be physically present at my own birthday special!

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Varied cinematic treats at Chinese film festival

By Noelani Torre

LAST year we were able to watch some of the featured films in the China Film Festival, several of which, like "Postmen in the Mountains," "Not One Less," and Zhang Yimou's "The Road Home,"—were memorable gems. Thus, we were looking forward to this year's festival (held at the UP Diliman Film Center).

Gala opening

The gala opening screened the much-made-of "Love Story By Tea" (Juhua Cha) by thirtysomething director Jin Chen. A love story set in the Gobi desert, the film is charming, if a bit simplistic.

A railroad worker, Ma Jianxin, and Li Weihua, the teacher of his literary training class, fall in love over jars of chrysanthemum tea. The only deterrent their pursuing their relationship is that Weihua has a congenital hole in her heart. This would prevent them from having a sex life, but eventually our couple decides to go ahead and get married, anyway.

The film is generally likable, but it didn't touch us any deeper than that.

The second movie we were able to catch was the father and son drama, "Touched By Love" (Zhenqing sanrenxing), directed by Jiang Ping and Liu Xin. A tearjerker, it seemed to have been effective enough, as we noticed some reddened eyes after the movie was over.

Its story of a dying widower and his young son was too schmaltzy for us, however. The plot twists were too conventional to hook us emotionally to the story, and by the middle of the movie we were raring to get away from all that mush.

"HEAVENLY GRASSLAND." Realistic portrayal of a nomadic lifestyle.

Saving grace

The movie's saving grace came in the form of the actor who played the part of the son. He was cute and believable, and managed to get our sympathy.

The best film out of the four movies we saw was Huo Jianqi's "Life Show" (Shenghuo xiu), a beautifully-shot screen adaptation of a famed Chinese novel about the life of a single woman in modern China.

Lai Shuang Yang is single and in her 30s. She runs a food stand at the night market, and is trying to get back the family home "borrowed" during the Cultural Revolution. She also takes care of her nephew, and struggles to keep her drug addict brother in rehab. She presents a cool facade, but is in fact torn between her traditional ideals and newer ones imposed by modernity.

Huo Jianqi also directed last year's "Postmen in the Mountains," which was simply beautiful, and he again brings his discerning visual eye to the totally different bustling city of Shanghai, giving us clear, poignant pictures of modern life.

Lead actress

The lead actress, Tao Hong, plays her role just right, not descending into over-dramatization that would have made her character seem strident, instead of sad.

Though melodramatic, the movie is neither sentimental nor obvious, and presents us with more psychological layers to delve in than the previous two movies combined.

The last film we saw, which also happened to be the closing film, was "Heavenly Grassland" (Tianshang caoyuan), by the husband and wife team of Sai Fu and Mai Lisi.

Set in the vast and somehow otherworldly Mongolian steppes, the movie is about a Chinese boy being accepted into a Mongolian family and adapting to the traditional Mongolian way of life, only to be uprooted from it again at the end of the movie.

This is our second favorite film, primarily because of the realism in its portrayal of a highly fascinating nomadic lifestyle, and the naturalness exhibited by the cast.

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Bayani Fernando is my hero

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Mandy Navasero

I LIKE Bayani Fernando, and if he runs for Vice President of the Philippines, he can have my vote.

Sense of order

I have taken photographs of the current chair of the Metro Manila Development Authority and his wife. Having lunch with him and listening to the chairman only confirmed my liking for him. How can you dislike a man who has a sense of order and who has the guts to go against professional squatters and freeloaders?

We have heard it said the Philippines needs an iron hand to rule it, so we shouldn't balk at having a Bayani Fernando in higher office. As VP, Bayani says he wants to be put in charge of the railroads. Can you imagine taking a train ride as far south as Bicol, and Pangasinan in the North, the way people travel in Europe and in the USA? With Bayani, I believe this can happen.

He thinks he can duplicate nationwide what he has done for Marikina. The city even has a tree extraction and balling machine he is currently using to uproot and ball trees for relocation to a better place. I don't know why Bayani should take flak for removing trees that get in the way of progress. We have to face the fact that, without road expansion, we won't be able to manage traffic better.

Road-clearing operations

"You know, part of the reason why I have focused on trees and roads besides professional squatters in my road-clearing operations is because, when I was mayor of Marikina, all the drivers we apprehended said, '*Wala akong kasalanan, sir.*'

"That made me think: Maybe it was sometimes the fault of our roads. They are not built the right way, there are blind corners or the traffic directions are not properly implemented."

Bayani confirmed Marikina is donating P100-million worth of shoes to soldiers, which is really good news. He also wants to issue guns to psychologically-tested *barangay tanod*.

Asked why, Bayani replied, "Well, anybody can apply for a gun anyway, and not all applicants are psychologically tested. Do you know how many *barangay* chairmen and *tanod* are slain every month? They are first in the line of duty when trouble erupts in *barangays*!" *(To be concluded)*

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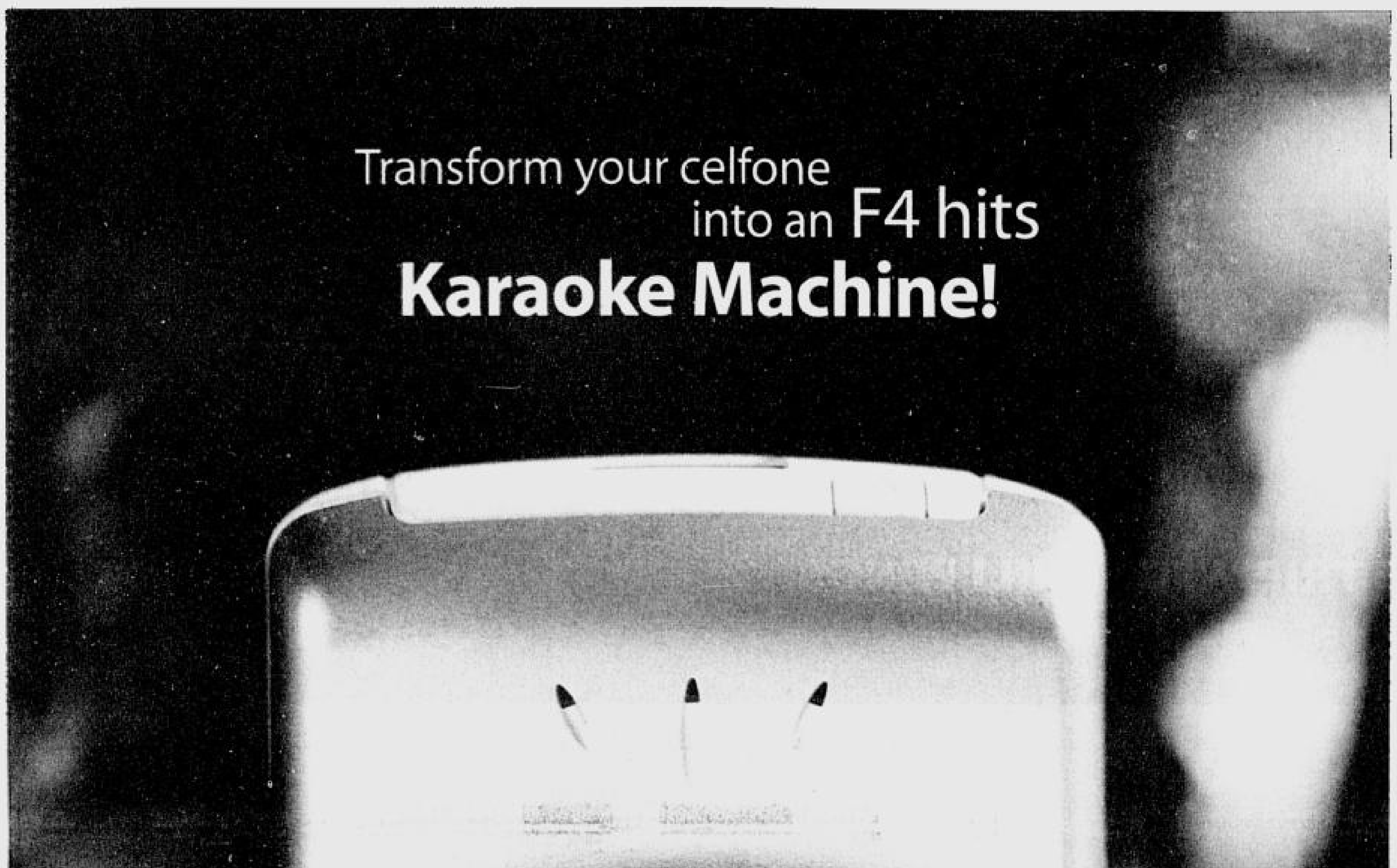

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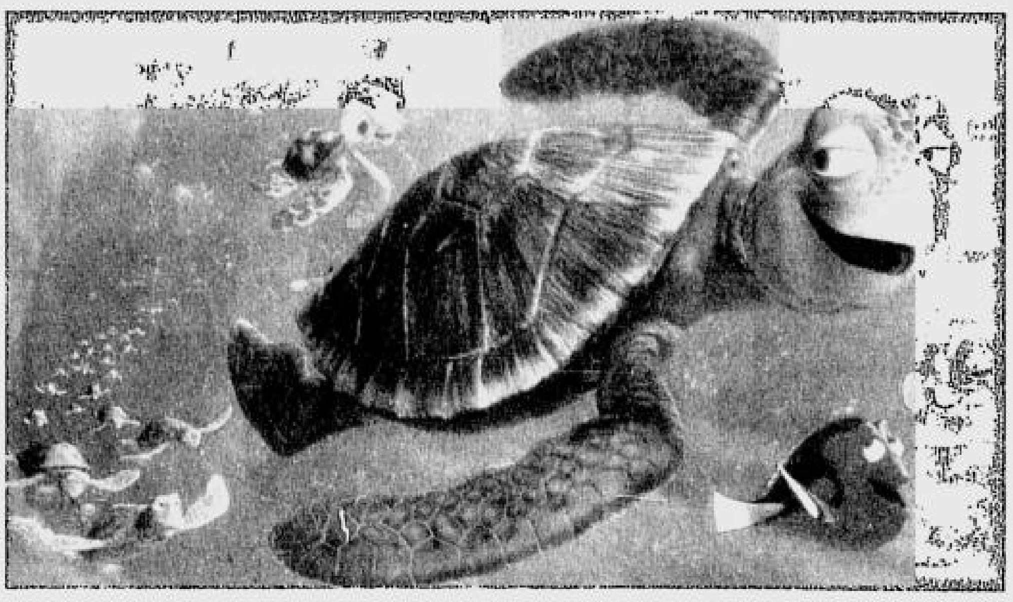

"FINDING Nemo" is this year's top-grossing movie at $274 M—and counting.

Hollywood revenues trail behind last year's record

By David Germain

LOS ANGELES—This year's movie superheroes are getting licked by last year's.

Big weekend openings

While "The Matrix Reloaded," "X2: X-Men United," "The Hulk" and "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" had big weekend openings, Hollywood revenues lag behind the record pace of 2002, when "Spider-Man" and "Star Wars" ruled the summer.

Since early May, when "X2" kicked off the summer blockbuster season, domestic revenues are at $2.11 billion, down 3.3 percent from summer 2002.

Moviegoers seem less enchanted by this summer's crowd of explosive action flicks, none of which has approached the $400 million-plus performance of "Spider-Man."

Onslaught

Audiences may be a bit worn out by the onslaught of comic-book adaptations and sequels—about two dozen this year.

This year's most anticipated movie, "The Matrix Reloaded," came in second behind "Spider-Man." But unlike the staying power of "Spider-Man," "Matrix Reloaded" earned mixed reviews and revenues fell steeply in subsequent weekends.

The animated fish tale "Finding Nemo" swam past "Matrix Reloaded" last weekend to become this year's top-grossing movie, at $274.9-million—and counting.

Other big action flicks have opened strongly then nose-dived, most notably the "The Hulk." Second-weekend revenues plunged 70 percent from its $62.1 million debut.

Heist caper

Meantime, "Finding Nemo" and other lighter tales such as the heist caper "The Italian Job" held up better.

Despite lagging revenues, a few surprise hits could be enough to put Hollywood on track to overtake last year's record box office.

This year's advantage is a solid lineup of potential hits in the second half of summer: big-budget adventures "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen," followed by comedies and action romps "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider—The Cradle of Life," "Bad Boys II," "Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over," "S.W.A.T." and "American Wedding," the third in the "American Pie" series.

"I believe it's too much to ask that every year be a record year, but I wouldn't discount this year yet," said Chuck Viane, head of distribution for Disney, which released "Finding Nemo." "There's still a lot of stuff in the bags of all the studios." *AP*

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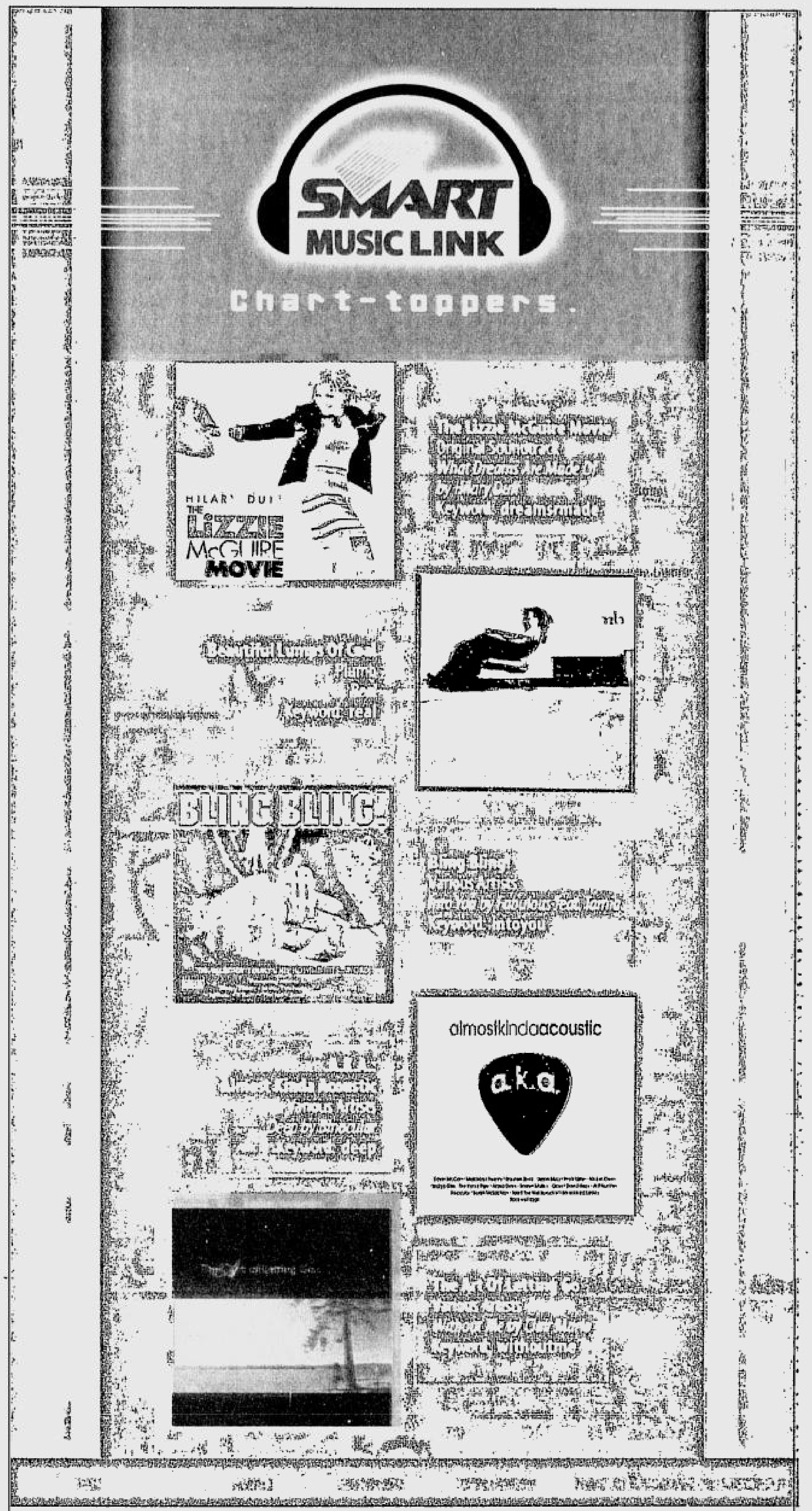

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Ford, Depp in new starrers

By Nestor U. Torre

TOPPING our list of promising coming attractions is Harrison Ford's latest starrer, the well-regarded "Hollywood Homicide." The fast-paced action comedy also topbills Josh Hartnett, and is directed by Ron Sheldon.

Veteran

In the favorably-reviewed film, Ford portrays veteran detective Joe Gavilan, a tenacious veteran cop whose personal life is rapidly unraveling. His young partner, K.C. Calden (Hartnett), seems to be more interested in his sidelines as a yoga instructor and aspiring actor than in his work as a policeman, so Gavilan gets even more frustrated.

"HOLLYWOOD Homicide" stars Josh Hartnett (left) and Harrison Ford.

The case they are currently investigating is particularly challenging and high-profile: It's a gangland-style murder in the world's film capital. Before the cops are through with their investigation, the practice of law enforcement has been turned upside-down, as they scrape away Hollywood's glitz to expose the fetid secrets that lie underneath.

The film also stars Lena Olin, Bruce Greenwood, Isaiah Washington, Lolita Davidovich and Lou Diamond Phillips.

For her part, Reese Witherspoon returns as Elle Woods in the fun-filled sequel, "Legally Blonde 2" (Red, White and Blonde).

Rising lawyer

Having conquered Harvard, Elle is now a rising young lawyer at a respected firm, balancing her demanding career with preparations for her wedding to the man of her dreams.

However, she loses her "practical" focus when she finds out that the members of her beloved dog Bruiser's family are being used as cosmetic test subjects by one of her own firm's clients. Throwing caution and practicality to the winds, she stands up for the dogs' rights—and is promptly fired. She's devastated, but nobody and nothing can keep Elle Woods down for long.

Ever the cockeyed optimist, she goes to Washington to take matters into her own hands. Trying to learn the political ropes and win over some important politicians, she, faces a formidable challenge.

But, with her sassy signature blend of intelligence and determination, she ends up bucking the system the Elle Woods way.

Pirate movies

Finally, after a slew of pirate movies that bit the dust, Disney's "Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl," has turned out to be a solid hit. Its aces include its actors' spirited performances and some deft special effects.

Geoffrey Rush plays Barbosa, a renegade captain whose crew has been doomed by a cursed treasure to live forever as the undead, the moonlight eerily transforming them into living skeletons. The curse can be lifted only if the plundered treasure is restored, and a blood debt paid.

Johnny Depp stars as Captain Jack Sparrow, and Gore Verbinski directs.

Sweet tooth's dream

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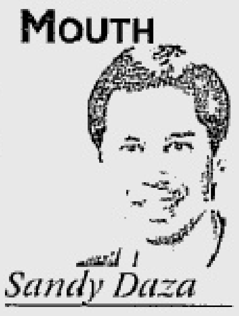

Sandy Daza

COMMON interests bring people together. Like Matuts and Vicky, who became friends because they both love to eat. These pretty ladies had traveled from the streets of Paris, San Francisco and New York, to Cubao and Escolta. Wherever there's good food, the looks of the place does not matter.

Goodies

They have been to the fanciest *and* most economical dining places in the world. They enjoy getting ideas from goodies they've tried.

For many years, Matuts has been developing a candy inspired by her first bite of the famous Almond Roca. Matutina's Almond Crunch is addicting. It is a flat candy with layers of crunchy caramel, creamy chocolate and toasted almond on top. It is definitely a sweet tooth's dream.

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Absolutely delicious

For her part, Vicky created something straightforward: old-fashioned Jalea de Mangga. It is a flavorful mango jam that is not too sweet but absolutely delicious.

I kept it in my fridge beyond the reach of anyone (disguised as a melon). This easily beats the strawberry jam that Tasmania is so famous for—truly a labor of love! She uses the sweetest, most outstanding mangoes. With some butter, or cheese or just on a spoon, it is heavenly. *Sarap talaga!* This is something the Philippines can promote and push as *"sariling atin."* A sure winner!

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Happy eating!

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Greater musical variety . . .

From page E3

formed a dance crew called Tribal Nation, which soon became Atban Klann.

They managed to record an album but unfortunately, it was never released. After that, the duo became a trio with the entry of Taboo, and they reformed as The Black Eyed Peas, releasing two albums with Interscope Records.

Generally speaking, we have a positive vibe towards their junior effort "Elephunk"—after all, it's a bit difficult to feel negative towards an album that just wants you to have some harmless fun.

Diversification

The album's only negative aspect is its being too all over the place. Diversification is good, but the album is just a little bit weaker in terms of cohesion because of this.

To illustrate, a jarring note is struck by "Anxiety," which sounds like nothing more than a misguided effort at adding a darker element to their album. BEP collaborated with rock legends Papa Roach to produce this guitar-driven track that, though not exactly bad-sounding, doesn't exactly fit in with the rest.

As for the aforementioned lead single "Where is the Love," though it does fit in musically, its sentiments are expressed tritely (but we did like the dig at Bush at the end).

Rap part

Here are some lines from the rap part that caused a lot of wincing, for example: "But if you only have love for your own race/ Then you only leave space to discriminate/ And to discriminate only generates hate/ And when you hate then you're bound to get irate..."

The song's good intentions are well-displayed, but it all sounds too cheesy and "We are the World"-ish to take seriously.

Nevertheless, The Black Eyed Peas' "Elephunk" is well worth a listen, and you might even find yourself playing some tracks over and over again. Its musical diversity makes it easily accessible, and it shows us the different directions rap and hiphop have been taking these days.

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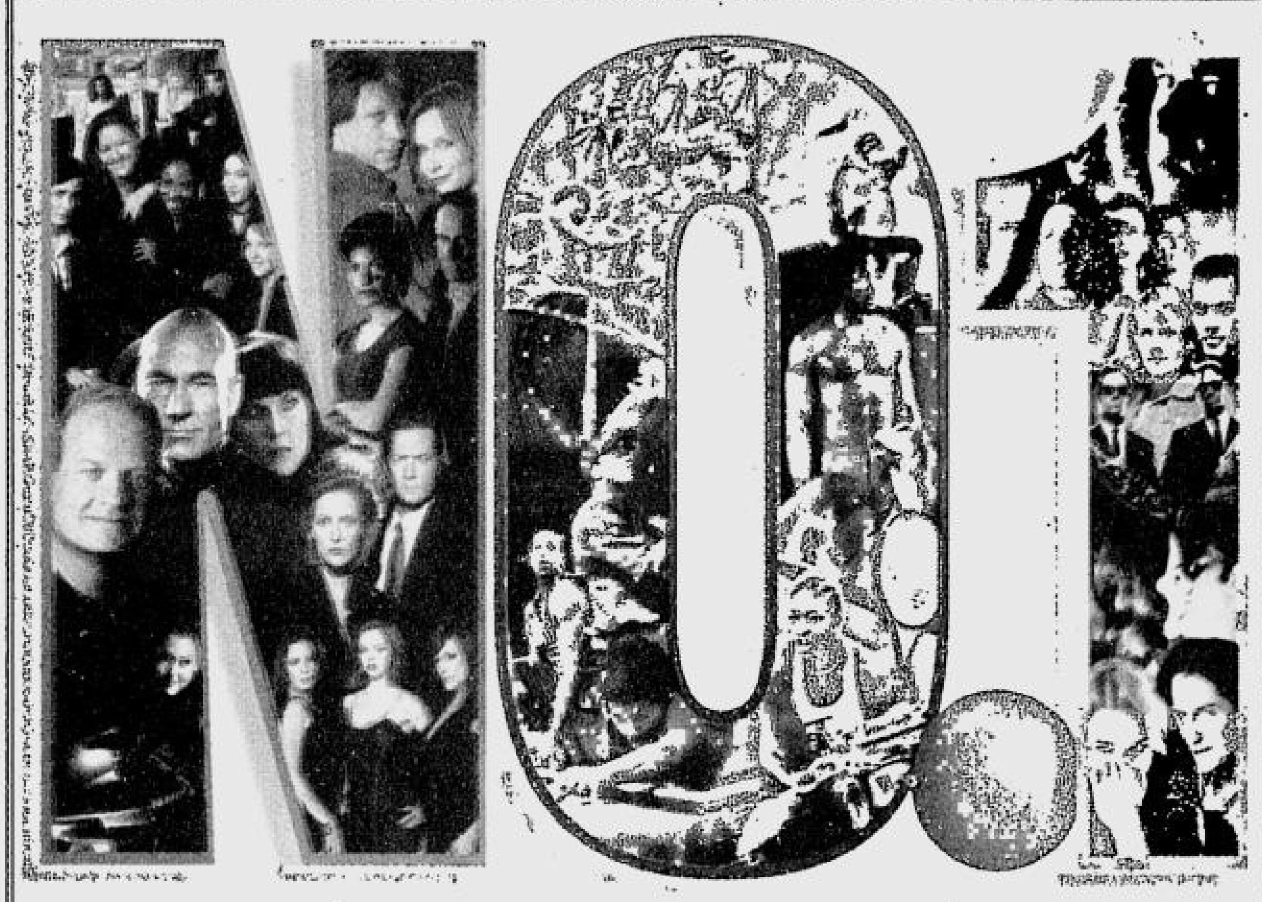

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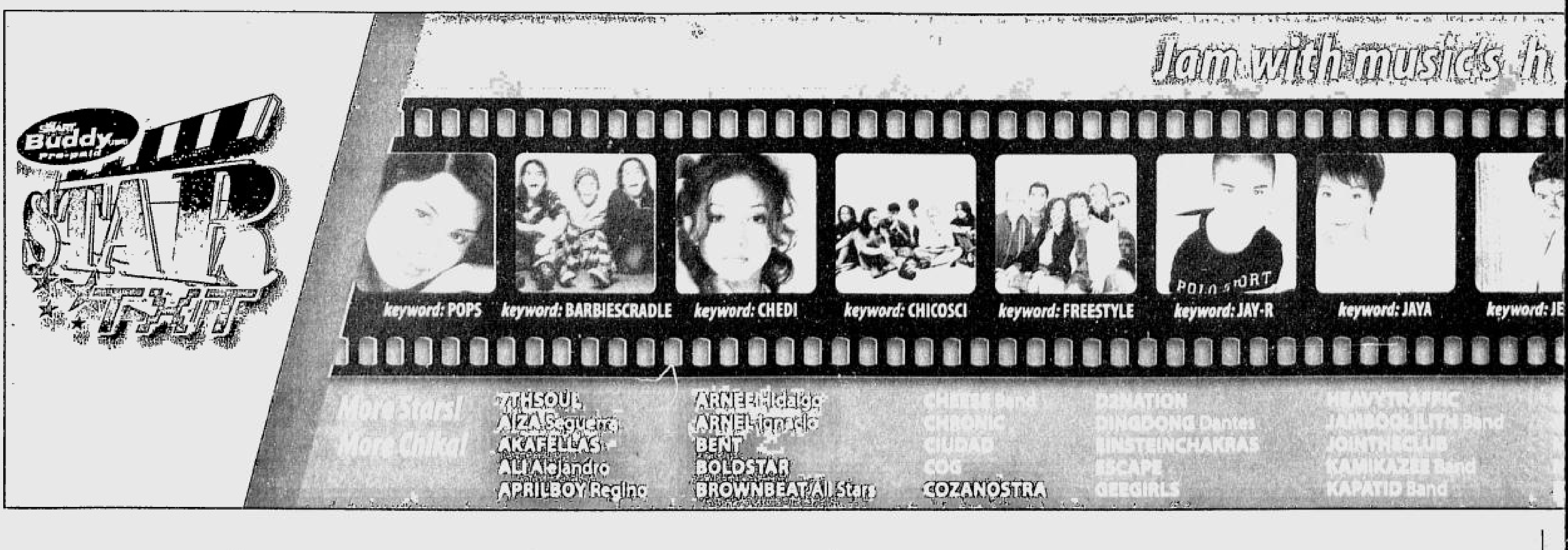

Greater musical variety in Black Eyed Peas album

By Noelani Torre

(Conclusion)

THE BLACK Eyed Peas is a Los Angeles-based group that has been trying to make it big in the music scene for some seven years now. Not quite succeeding—they are well-known but not high-profile famous—the quartet has, in its third album "Elephunk" (A&M/ Interscope), decided to pull out all the stops.

Female member

This comes in the form of a new, stylish and female member, and in collaborations with some pretty big names—Sergio Mendez, Papa Roach, and Justin Timberlake.

The group's members are really quite talented in their own right, but perhaps the reason that they've been overlooked is that people seem to find it hard to classify them. You would think that this would be a good thing, as those who are different usually stand out, but in this case it hasn't worked to their advantage.

In fact, they've taken a lot of flak from many folks, as the lyrics from their song "Fallin' Up" (from first album "Behind the Front") show:

"I see you try to dis our function by statin' that we can't rap/ Is it because we don't wear Tommy Hilfiger or baseball caps/ We don't use dollars to represent/ We just use our inner sense and talent/ We don't try to represent no set just so we could get some respect."

BLACK EYED PEAS. Have decided to pull out all the stops.

Founders

The group's founders, will.i.am (Will Adams) and apl.de.ap (Allan Pineda) had known each other since high school. During that time they

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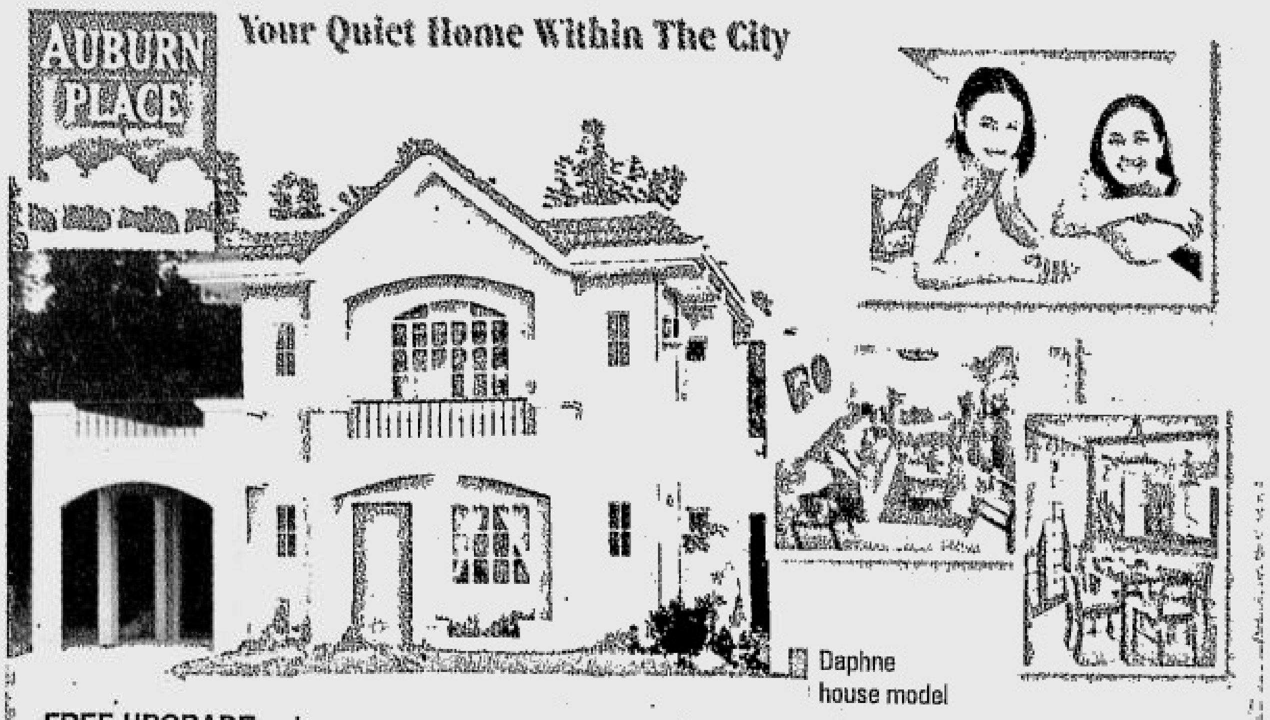
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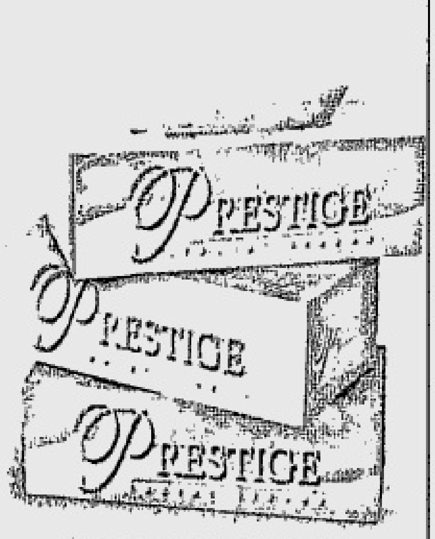
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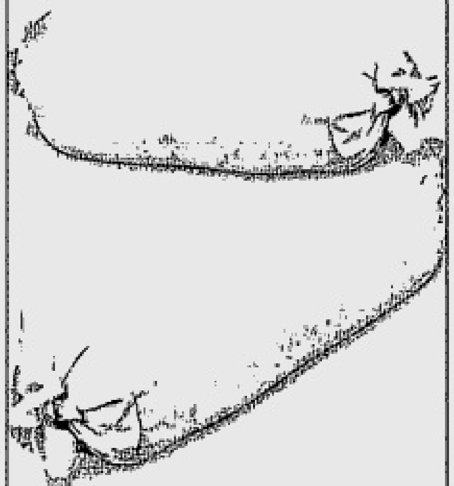

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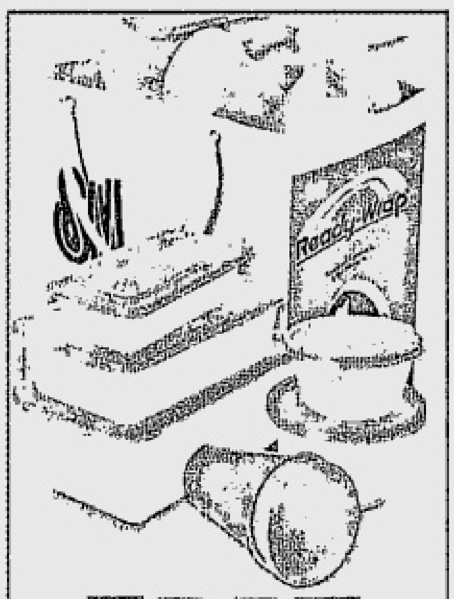

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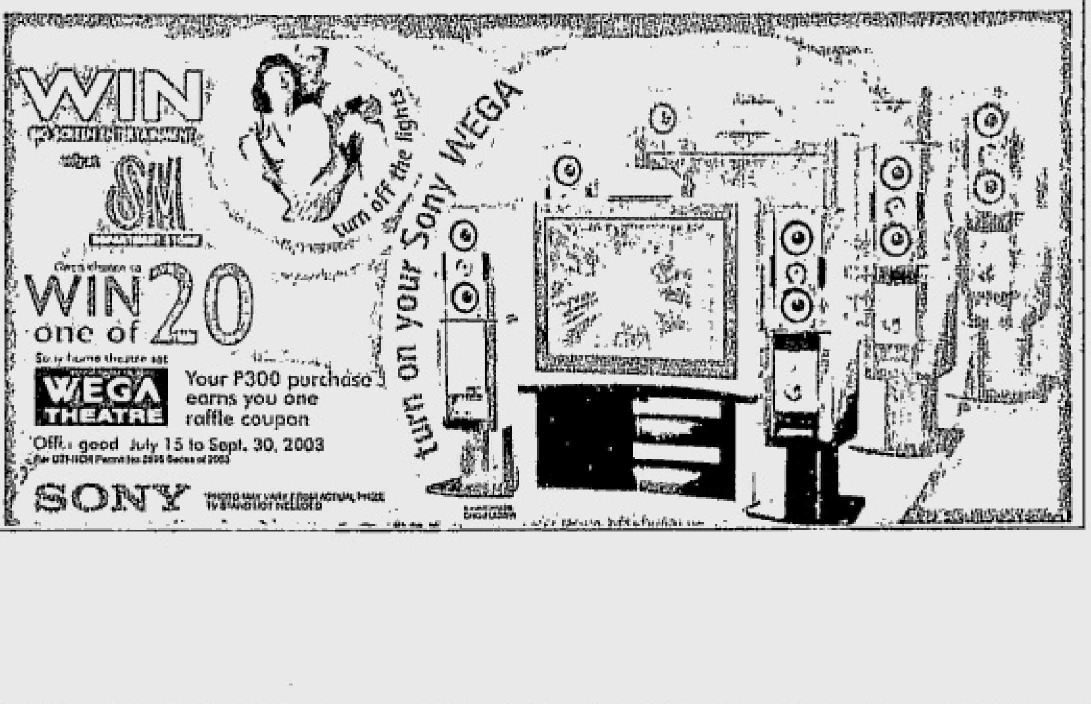
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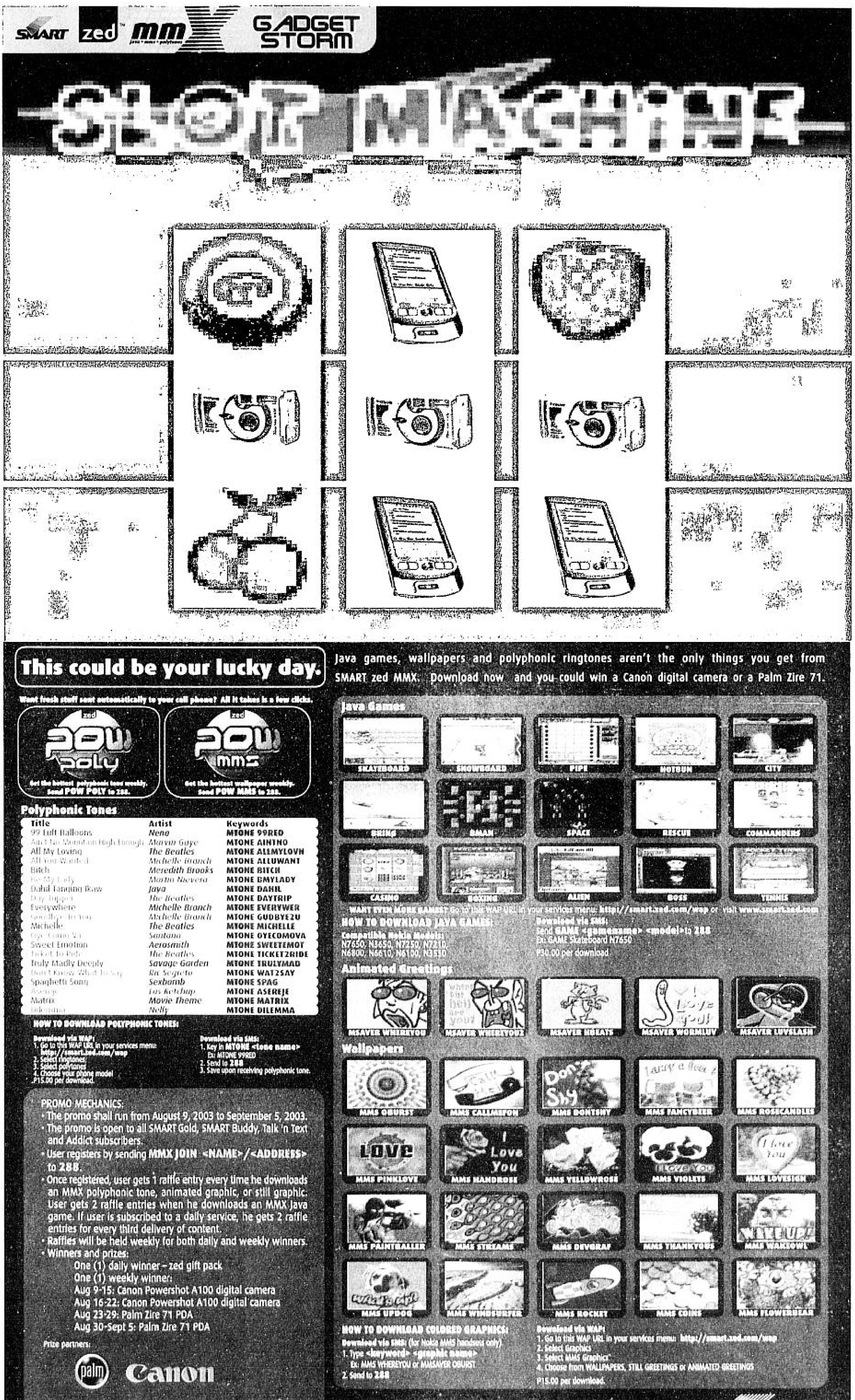

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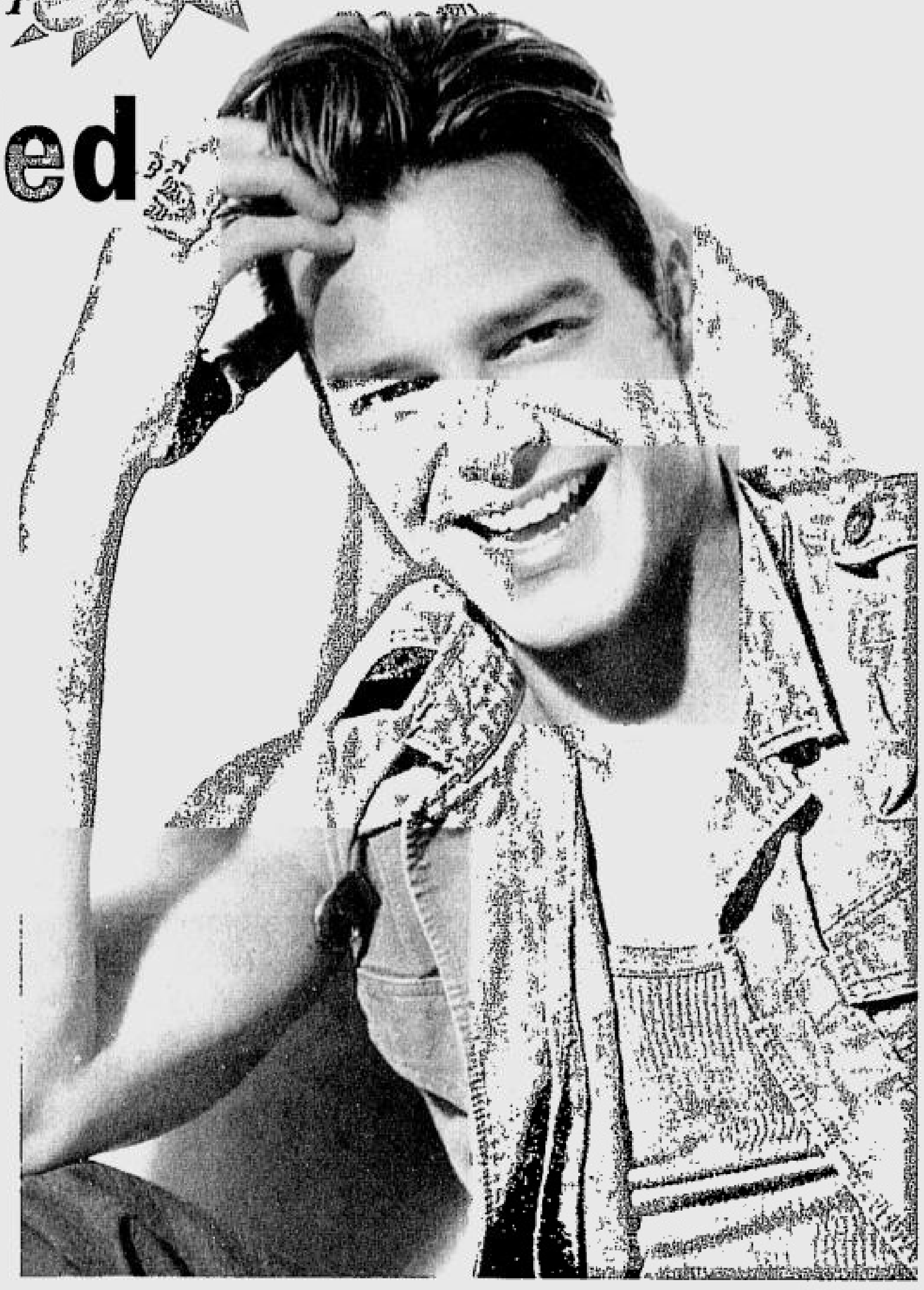

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He spoke like a guru, grooved like a god and looked like a Spanish Ken doll. Yes, Ricky Martin still has the same magic he had. The same *simpatiko* swagger, this time more pronounced every time he "shook his bon bon."

The girls in our group could only gush at the sight of "La Vida Loca." She made actress Aubrey Miles speechless for a bit, MYX producer Mila Labendia had a hard time concentrating while giving Ricky his cues, and Sony PR Roslyn Reyes could only swoon as she stared at their prized artist.

A big burly bouncer made sure everything was in order, as a very wired floor director took charge of filming the interviews. Another Spanish girl who seems to be part of Ricky's team hovered around with this fat Española who doubled as obnoxious ("Hey, you're too near Ricky!") body guard.

In the midst of all the flurry, Ricky Martin remains unaffected. His long hair was slicked back, with an undercut style on the side that you see so much of with Manila's male model set. His clothes were the usual tight, showing off his tight buff—like Thalia on steroids.

It's a more self aware, more grounded Ricky. "I have to have time to put my feet on the ground, or else I'd go crazy." Living the pop superstar whirlwind lifestyle can get dizzying as everyone wants a piece of you.

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Yes, a great ego boost, as Ricky himself agrees, but just like anything on overdose, can be highly intoxicating.

"I have my moments when I'm really proud but I have moments of fear when I beat myself. I would be turned on by pleasing others. I was always the caretaker. Now it's all about pampering myself and doing things the way I want—I wanna please myself. It's now time to take care of myself."

His detox? Music. Spending long hours in the studio, just daring himself, exploring his depths and finding answers from his heart.

"I worked on this album at a very dark point in my life. I went back to moments of enlightenment and wrote poetry. This poetry now becomes the fabric of my music. It really came from the heart. We didn't have to rush, we really had time." He explains about his new album, "Almas Del Silencio."

Latin music, he explains, is a fusion of three different cultures—African, Native Indian and European cultures—it stemmed out of a need to express. According to Ricky, the only way some of them were allowed to talk was by beating a drum.

So he did the same thing and just let go. "When you give yourself, musically speaking, everything just flows.

Ricky-isms—His thoughts...

On getting to the top:

Just do good. Never harm anyone to get to a certain place.

On yesterday, today and tomorrow:

"Tomorrow and yesterday—sometimes we obsess about these two that we don't focus on today. So, I live for the now—I take it one step at a time."

On his next step:

I'd like to do theater, and acting in films. I'll do it not because I'm Ricky Martin but because I deserve that character. I'll spend time with the script and really work hard and make my colleagues proud of me.

On dancing even if you have two left feet:

"Just dare to feel and dare to look ridiculous, too!"

On heavenly mother of divas:

Madonna told me the importance of learning from everybody. I wanna keep working with young people and learn as much from them."

On trashy diva:

"Christina Aguilera. Beautiful voice. It was amazing to just hear her voice. It's only the beginning for her. Her soul, plus her voice—beautiful."

On 'I'm gonna live forever!':

Fame is very difficult. Fame can destroy your ego, and even though it lifts your self esteem, sometimes it can be very dangerous. I strive to be someone who appreciates and who doesn't take things for granted."

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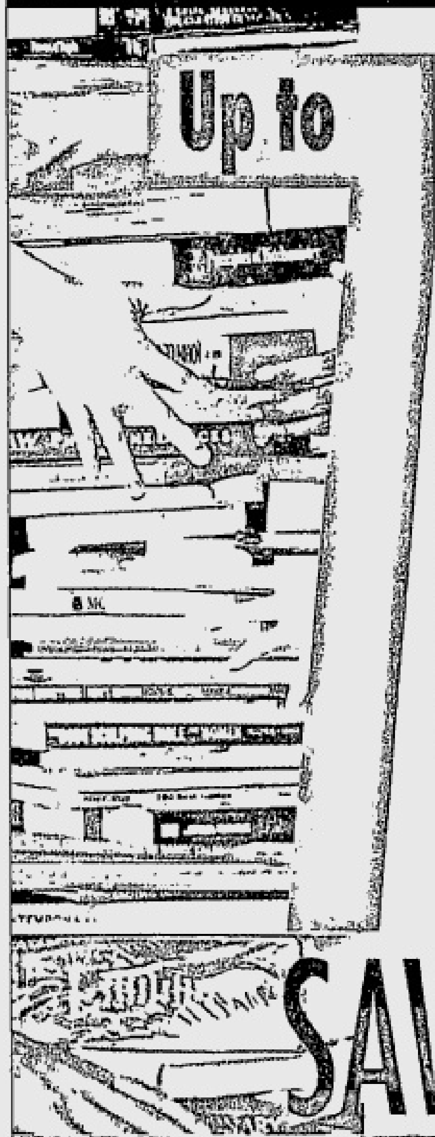

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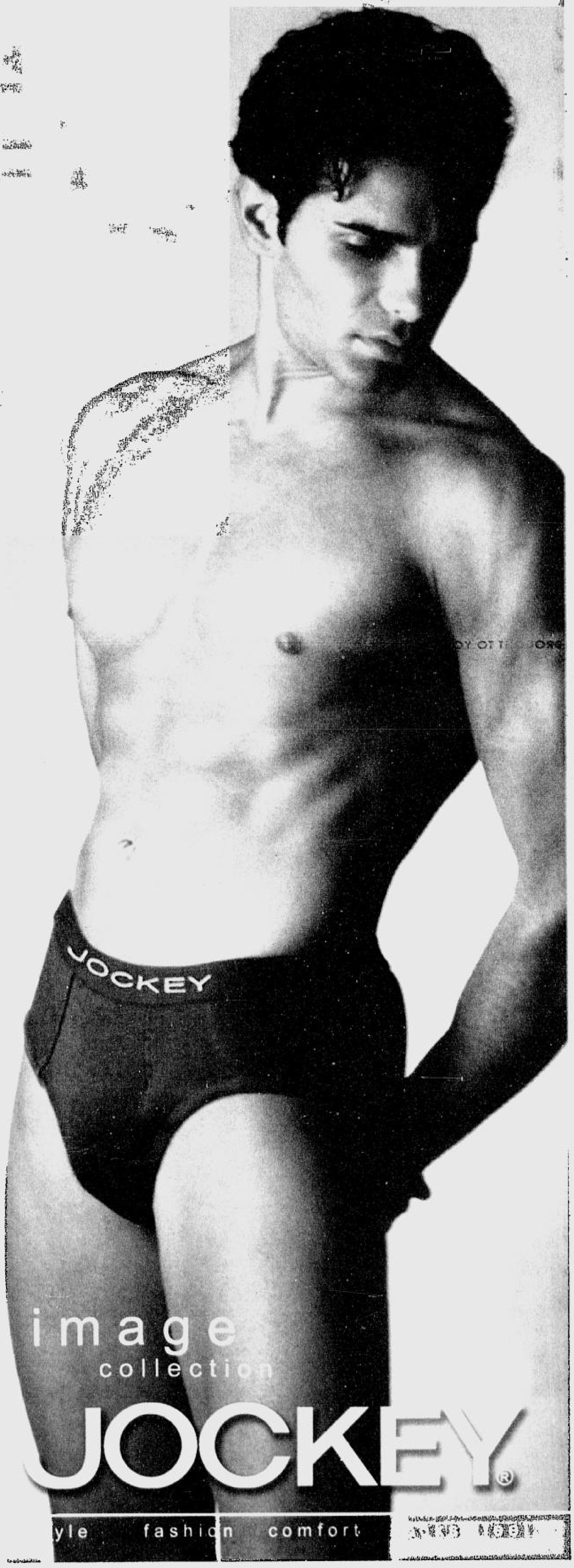

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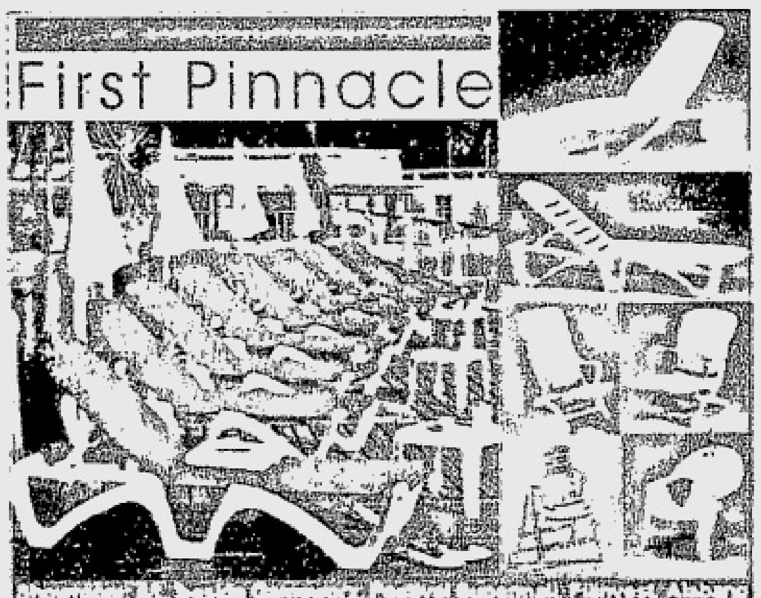

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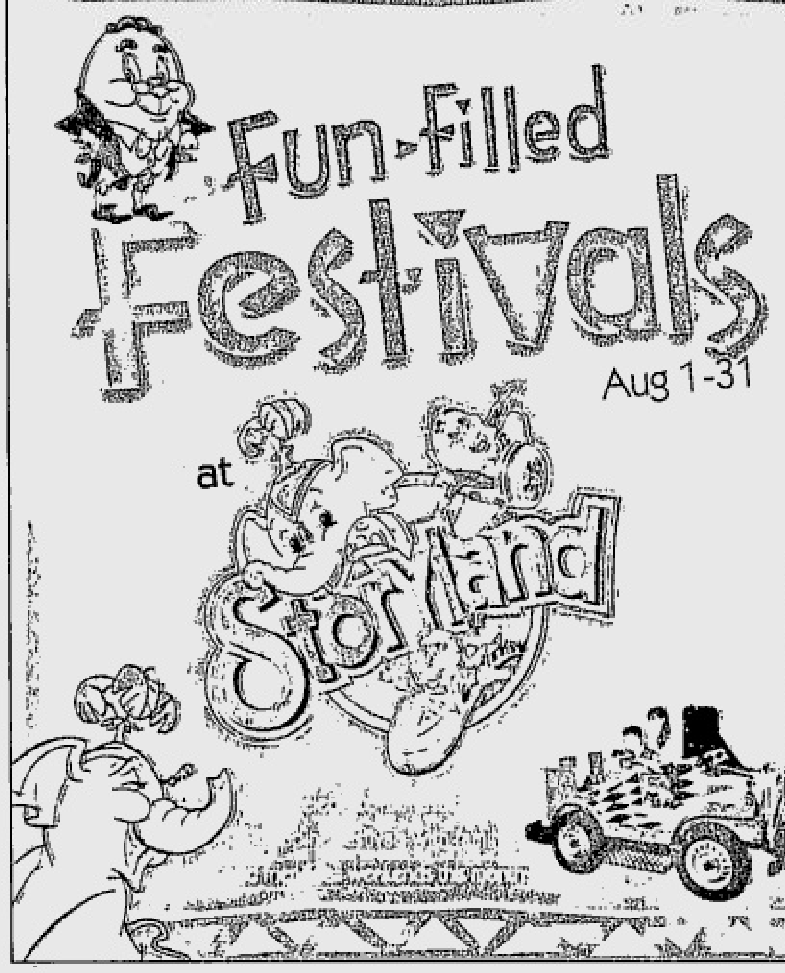

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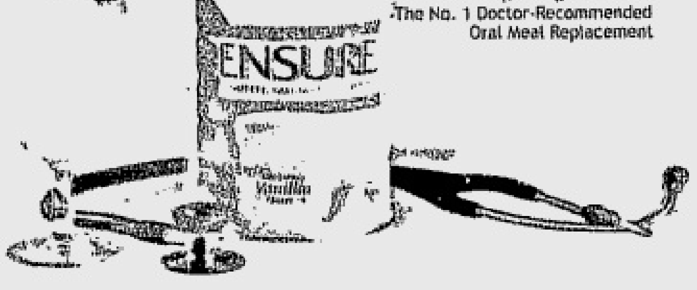

What did F4 do to this girl?

PHOTO BY PAOLO PINEDA

by
Pam Pastor

Twenty-year-old Ruth Navarra was a 'normal' fresh graduate who had no idea just how obsessive she could get— until the Taiwanese pop group came along

"MY best friend is worried about my mental health. She wants me to search for the most recent picture of Jerry Yan. Maybe, she says, the guy's grown warts, or worse. I told her that even if he became the least physically attractive guy on the face of the earth, I'd still be here for him. After all, I am his future wife."

This is an excerpt from the diary of 21-year-old Mary Ruth Navarra, one of the countless people who have gotten hooked on the stars of the *chinovela* "Meteor Garden."

Extreme

"Countless" is not an exaggeration. The F4 mania in this country spread faster than last week's havoc-wreaking Windows Blaster Worm virus. There are different levels to this madness. Ruth's case qualifies as extreme.

She discovered F4 in the limbo between graduation and her first job. She had just gotten a Journalism degree from the University of Santo Tomas and wanted to rest before stepping into the world of the employed. Boredom and the threat of being left out during conversations with friends led her to the television set.

"My friend Faye couldn't stop talking about 'Meteor Garden.' That's when I decided to watch," she recalls.

One show was all it took for Jerry Yan to catch her fancy. Pretty soon, her 5:30 p.m. date with the boob-tube was a regular part of her schedule. "It was the highlight of my day." And once she realized that she was pining for the show on weekends, she started recording it. "I spent Saturdays and Sundays watching the week's episodes again and again."

Her interest escalated dramatically.

F4 galore

First came F4 party plates, which her mother had bought even before the show aired locally. The CDs from her friend followed. "She called one day and said she had F4 CDs for me." Ruth drove all the way from Cavite to Makati that very same day to pick up the goodies.

The CDs instantly climbed to the top of her prized possessions list. No one else was allowed to touch them. "I refused to lend them to anyone. If anyone wanted to listen to them, I made sure I personally slid them into the player."

That was just the beginning. She saved money and went to Quiapo to scout for F4 DVDs. What she saw sent her reeling. "Oh my god, F4 galore *sa kalsada*(on the sidewalks)!" She refrained from buying that first time, but it soon became apparent that Jerry Yan's power over her was too strong to ignore.

"I couldn't sleep. I went back. There was one store that sold only F4 stuff. I bought one of everything they had. Then my friend Zhara said there was more merchandise in Divisoria Mall."

Off to Divisoria they went. "*Nahilo ako sa sobrang dami ng* F4 stuff, *nag*-hoard *ako* (I went dizzy; there was so much F4 stuff, I ended up hoarding."

Now she has CDs, VCDs, DVDs, fan magazines, posters, paper bags, keychains, fake tattoos, candy, plastic fans, playing cards, notebooks, a pop-up book, stickers, buttons and a mouse pad. She has taken her obsession online, too.

In her diary she notes: "I surfed, copied, and printed 242 pages worth of the most comprehensive episode guides that I have ever seen in my entire net existence. Single space, Verdana 10 ... half-inch border. It was 150 percent thicker than my thesis."

1.37 gigabytes of F4

Apart from devoting most of her online time to surfing for more information about F4, she has 1.37 gigabytes worth of F4 files in her computer, which she had painstakingly downloaded for hours and hours. She has all their commercials, behind-the-scenes clips from concerts and guestings, mp3s and interviews in Mandarin. "I used to watch all the files every night even if it took hours. It was weird. *Tumatawa ako pag tumatawa sila kahit di ko naiintindihan*(I would laugh when they laughed, even if I didn't understand a word)."

Fan's club

She has also been working on a weblog and an elaborate website which she will be launching soon. The site includes, among other things, greeting cards, wallpapers and a quiz—all of which she made herself. She intends to link up with other F4 sites.

Connecting to other fans is important to her. She enjoys the instant bond. "It's like the universal language of the world," she says, before relating how easy it is for her now to strike up conversations with strangers. "I just ask if they watch 'Meteor Garden.'" Not surprisingly, she intends to start a fans' club soon.

Ruth is not a serial celebrity worshipper, if that's what you're thinking. She says she's never obsessed over anything or anyone before—certainly not like this.

Fantasies

Her diary reveals fantasies about Jerry Yan, her plans for the future ("Watch 'Meteor Garden' VCDs for two weeks. Do more F4 websites. Take that vacation to Taiwan. I hope that by that time, it would be SARS-free."). She has started to take it against her parents that she was not born in Taiwan.

Ruth is now getting the hang of office life, and work has not been a bane for her addiction. After all, it was her love for Jerry that motivated her to get a job. "I told myself I needed to earn money to buy a front-row ticket to F4's concert."

Staying connected

She has become very creative in sustaining her connection with the guys. "I taught our maid to record the episodes while I'm in the office. I created a wallpaper for my office computer and I put F4 stickers on my office mug." She saved "Meteor Garden's" theme song on her mobile phone's voice note function so she could listen to it whenever she misses the boys. "It is especially helpful during trips. I could be on the beach and still be in touch."

While some friends are concerned, others find her affliction fascinating. "They would test me sometimes, they check if I know my trivia. If I can't answer their question, I feel bad."

Hard-core

Like a lot of hard-core fans, she gets sensitive about her devotion. She even stopped talking to one college classmate who criticized the group.

"One time, another friend was in my car and she asked why there was no sign of F4 in there. That really hit me. I'm looking for F4 car accessories now."

Birthday party for Vanness

It doesn't end there. She is jealous of Jerry Yan's female co-stars. She actually dreams about the guys. When watching movies, she tries to get seat F4. And when Vanness Wu celebrated his birthday, she actually threw a party. "I cooked spaghetti and bought a cake."

She's actually considering employment in Taiwan. This would be the first step to turning her dream guy into her real-life man. "I want to be Jerry's maid. I'd be at his beck and call for two years. *Wala na siyang kilos na hindi nakaasa sa akin* (he would be completely dependent on me). Then I'd leave him to realize that he can't live without me. When he realizes that, he'll realize that he loves me."

Sounds feasible... as a *telenovela* plot. Asked why two years, specifically, Ruth says, exasperated, "*Kasi* after five years *magpapakasal na kami, ano ka ba* (because after five years we will get married, what did you think)!"

Although she seems pretty confident about her timetable, she acknowledges the possibility that her dream may remain a dream. "Nag-decide *na ako. Kung hindi ko mapapangasawa si* Jerry Yan, *basta* Chinese *ang mapapangasawa ko* (I have decided to marry a Chinese man, if not Jerry Yan."

She would like to think that she's F4's biggest fan in the Philippines, but concedes that some fans are more intense. "Some have left their husbands."

Maybe so. But fixation, jealousy, stalker tendencies and blurred reality? This is as extreme as it can possibly get.

(E-mail the author at ppastor@inquirer.com.ph.)

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Things you didn't know about F4

By Mary Ruth Navarra

YOU'RE an ordinary viewer if you know only that the average height of F4 members is 180 cm. You're a fan if you know they took five big boxes of instant noodles with them when they went to Spain to shoot "Meteor Garden 2."

Thanks to prime-time specials, regular bombardment with news clips on "TV Patrol," and trivia before a music video is played on Myx, an average Pinoy with a television set can answer slum book questions about the Taiwanese superstars.

But there's more to F4 than vital statistics and dazzling smiles. They lead a life that we, mortals, can only dream about.

For example, maintaining their crowning glory entails not just simple trips to salons for quick trims. Their management company hired a face feng shui expert to determine the hairstyles that would bring them luck! Vic Zhou was advised to keep his hair above his shoulders and, the rest, to grow their tresses long. Jerry Yan was told that he should always part his hair on the side.

Fans clamoring to catch even just a glimpse of them accentuate F4s pop star status. Sometimes, these fans go overboard in chasing after them, and the quartet is forced to extreme measures to avoid the excitable hordes worldwide.

Stop, please!

Vic quit school because he couldn't stand women, mostly pubescent girls, waiting outside the campus and ruining his once peaceful 10-minute walk home.

Trust us—the author's a die-hard disciple

Ken Zhu once lost his cool when a group of fans followed him to a temple of the four-faced Buddha. He stepped out of the car, screamed at them to leave him alone, took a fan's camera and exposed the film. The next night, he apologized to his fans at their concert, saying he loved his job, but he needed his privacy. As a token of his sincerity, he handed a giant Mickey Mouse stuffed toy to a startled fan at the front row.

During the Pepsi Charity Concert in Hong Kong, there were no cubicles in the comfort room at the venue. So 10 security personnel were called to guard the door while Jerry Yan answered the call of nature.

Their production staff has given the guys Chinese girls' names as codes in an effort to give F4 as much privacy as possible. The cover only blew when an indignant Vaness Wu demanded in public that they stop.

Though they steer clear of troublesome fans, they went out of their way to send a tape full of encouraging words to a 19-year-old fan in Malaysia who was in a coma because of an accident.

Vaness challenged her to be better so she could stand in front during their next concerts. He promised to refund her money if she didn't like his dance numbers.

This tape was played for the girl over and over again until she showed a reaction. She has now fully-recovered, and thanked the group for their "gift of a miracle."

Penny-wise

Their high-profile lifestyle is a 360-degree turnabout. Jerry's family was so poor that he worked in a food shop when he was just in fifth grade. Small wonder that he still leads a simple and frugal lifestyle even now that he gets paid in eight figures per project.

Most of the time, the group flies economy-class for appearances abroad, thwarting moneyed fans' plans to be near them in first class.

Ken also said in an interview that their lives were much easier to live when they all cancelled their credit cards because it kept them from shopping impulsively.

Disband

Rumors of the Taiwanese fab four disbanding have been circulating. But their manager has denied this by citing the economy as the reason that they can't be working at the same time on some projects.

It's not only the expense, the manager said, but also a question of finding the perfect script. All members are now big stars individually, that they need to have equal billing and airtime.

This means that fans should content themselves with individual performances for the time being, and pray that they live up to the promise that there will always be F4.

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GROUP POSE FOUR BY FOUR. With names like Boys IV Men, F4 d' Boys, 4 Fellas, etc., meet F4's pop clones. Aside from F4 spot the Ciara Sotto, Romnick Sarmenta, Buwi of Parolkya and Jolina Magdangal look-alikes

Feeling F4

Tim Yap

"F4! F4!" I heard them scream in my direction.

Hmm, I wondered, when did Pinoys get car-crazy? Little did I know that the screams were in reference to me! A girl at the airport approached me for an autograph, certain I was a pop artist fresh from Taiwan.

"F4?" I had no idea what she was talking about. My brain scrambled for data on Formula One. "I'm not F4. I'm Tim Yap," I explained smiling, hoping she would recognize me. "Ah, okay," she said, excitement turning to confusion, then naked disappointment.

She stared into the piece of paper she was handing me seconds ago, dismay written all over her face—like when one realizes that the LV bag the best buddy brought as *pasalubong* came from Shenzen.

Now, months after my self-imposed media ban (I transferred my big TV to the maid's room, for fear of getting sucked in), I understand "F4 fever." For even if you tried to avoid it like the SARS, there is no escaping the information onslaught.

The F4 guys are everywhere—in busses, in the neighborhood parlor, your *suking tindahan*, on paper plates and playing cards, even softdrinks (I saw them on Pepsi cans in Bangkok)!

Sartorial uniqueness

I remember guesting in **Charlene Gonzales'** "Feel at Home" anniversary special, in which I was asked to dress up some celebrity guests to look like F4. At the time, I still had no idea how they looked. Good thing I had an issue of Chalk magazine, which carried a poster of the Canto-quartet. A mag insider later told me, "We got sold out on that issue and had to re-print."

To my surprise, my closet had a lot of what these boys were wearing—and more. (Some pieces that I've had for years are almost the same as the stuff they wear in their concerts.) So it was a cinch making my team win in the show's dress-alike portion. Think chinoise-winter wear-embellishment slash androgynous dressing, and you get the picture. Scary thought, as I've always been proud of my individuality in the dressing-up department. After seeing all four of them, all of a sudden I don't feel so unique anymore.

> My closet has a lot of stuff similar to what these boys are wearing—and more. Certain pieces that I've had for years are almost the same as some of their concert costumes

Once, I was at the ABS-CBN studios visiting **Cindy Kurleto**. Along the corridors, I had to stop and look at a mirror image. The person stopped and stared at me as well. We had the same look—hair, clothes, attitude. He was a contestant for "MTB's Feeling F4" daily round.

Outside the sartorial department, I couldn't fathom why everyone was going gaga over the *chinovela* stars.

Curious about my supposed "look-alikes," I sneaked into my maid Vicky's room one Sunday during her day off. "Meteor Garden, Rewind" was on—the weekend replay version. There I encountered the four boys who, I decided, looked not really like me (save for the almond-shaped eyes, common among Chinoys from Binondo to Greenhills to Wack Wack) but more like my long-lost cousins.

Lost opportunity

Flashback one moment in time: Singapore January 2003, backstage at the MTV Asia Awards. "F4 from Taiwan!" the announcement went. They entered the press room, where I occupied a seat in the front row. The photographers and press people had a field day taking snapshots. "Ho hum," I thought, focusing more on the personalities that the Pinoys would recognize more immediately, not expecting that just months after, these four would be Pinoy pop culture's biggest stars. Still, I wrote about them in my Yaparazzi column as part of the post-event coverage. You saw them first in the INQUIRER!

At the after-party, I was so engrossed in chatting up **Avril Lavigne**, and then playing paparazzi to **Robbie Williams**, that I totally whizzed past this tall, chinky-eyed dude seated beside me in the VIP area. I just shook his hand and said "Hi!" when his publicist introduced us. His name was **Vanness Wu**.

Talk about lost opportunities. As a person deeply involved in trends and the science of how things click, my real concern was how this *fashionista* foursome managed to penetrate the Pinoy psyche obsessed with half-hazard Hollywood and gleeful go-go girls.

What I found on its surface was a microcosm of elitist representations—Gucci, Armani, Burberry, spa sessions, champagne flutes and shopping sprees—all shrouding real-life situations and issues like fitting in, getting the girl, popularity, betrayal, acceptance, relationships. The lingo of luxury is just a front, a means to escape (another thing we, Filipinos, so love to indulge in). Digging deeper, situations presented in F4 soaps can happen to anyone anywhere—that's why it's as relevant to old and young viewers alike in Taiwan as it is in Thailand as it is here in the Philippines.

'SATC'

Look at it as an Asian male version of "Sex and the City" without the sex. Here is the story of four characters, each one reflecting an aspect of the viewer (that's us), each one well styled from hair to wear, living out moments we've all experienced in days gone by.

It may be true that the show does not present anything new (aside from the fact that it is Taiwanese and less hysterical than the Mexican rendition) to this jaded generation. But what is out there now that is so new, anyway?

So the next time I hear a "Meteor Garden" reference hurled at me, I'm inclined to just turn back, flip my hair, and sing, "Oh baby, baby, babeeehhh..."

If you can't beat 'em ...

TRY TO LOOK FOR ME HERE. Even I can't find myself in this flurry of F4 wannabes

F5. Here posing with "Karapat Apat," grand finalists for MTB's Feeling F4 contest. Think I should join?

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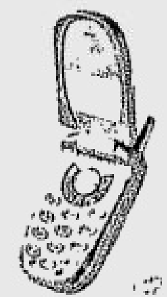
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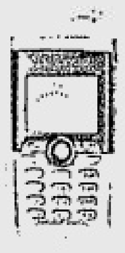
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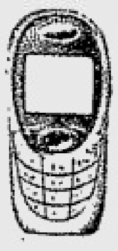
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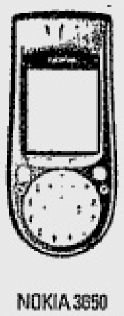
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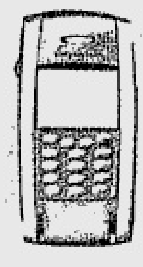
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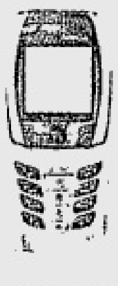
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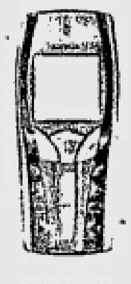
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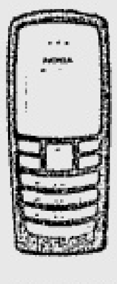
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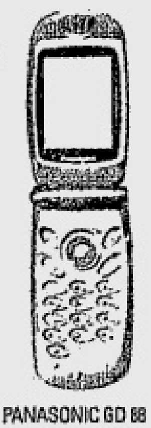
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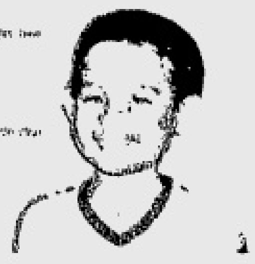
by Lex



"I THINK I'm white inside."

That's what the daughter of some family friends told me over one Christmas dinner when I asked why she had such a long face. Violently chewing gum, she continued, "Ya know, this country stinks. Ya know, like, I hate coming here. I mean like, its so, like, freakin' backward, man."

Her parents were doctors here who left to take blue-collar jobs abroad to give their only child "a better life." For a story that is so typical, it is rarely given justice to when portrayed on film.

"The Debut" by Gene Cajayon, a Fil-American, changes that.

The film's plot is straightforward. A family that migrated to the US to give their children more opportunities realizes that America isn't thoroughly "the land of milk and honey." The kids struggle with their identity. They want to be American and resent their Filipino roots. The parents want to raise their kids with Filipino values but are losing out to the draw of American culture.

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DARNA, TOO! Kris-belle Paclibar has killer abs

Doing Darna

Text and photos by Tim Yap

STAR TEX. Valentina as vivaciously portrayed by Tex Ordoñez

HER name sounds like an extended cuss word, but mention it in front of any Pinoy pop freak and you'll understand that this girl kicks some major butt.

Talk about major, Ballet Philippines' production of "Darna"—which I am a part of as the narrator, DJ Dalang (alternating with my buddy Jm Rodriguez)—is one high flying, camp, rigger-happy show about our local super-heroine and her nemesis with a perennial bad hair day, Valentina.

However, the road to the dance musical staging of the Mars Ravelo classic wasn't at all smooth. Earlier on, Australian aerial choreographer slash yogi Gavin Robbins, who was supposed to do the show's flight style, all of a sudden charged triple his original rate. Jenine Desiderio, after a misunderstanding on who was going to do Valentina on opening night, decided to leave a few weeks before the gala.

By showtime, one of Valentina's Boytoys, Mio Infante had walked out after differences with the artistic team. Chin Chin Gutierrez injured her rib cage, in the middle of a performance with Madame President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in attendance. Tex Ordoñez, Chin's alternate who's been getting rave, rave reviews, has taken over the role since.

But that's all water under the bridge, and so on. Things like these are part and parcel of any production.

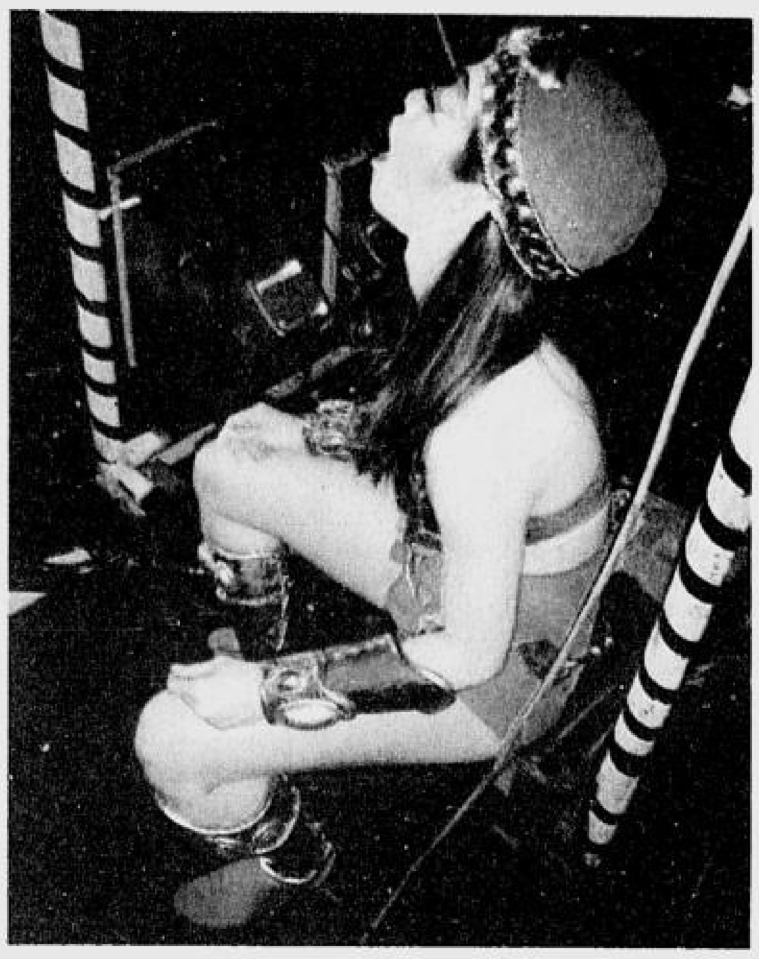
Now, backstage, it is a flurry of activity as dancers change costumes, riggers fit the actors' harnesses, actors rehearse voice blendings.

Energy is high, and the camaraderie between cast and production quite warm. In fact, I've never worked with a troupe this down-to-earth in my whole life (okay, I admit I'm partial to spoiled brats).

DING
ANG BATO

The troupe member's sentences are peppered with "po" and "opo." The company's artists have dedication and discipline ingrained in their very souls, it seems. After each night's performance they rush home and rest, because the next day, rain or shine, coup or no coup, they have a dance class right before the show.

And oh, did I tell you that Christine Crame, the prima ballerina who plays Darna, is four months pregnant? If that's not devotion to one's craft, I don't—I may never—know what is.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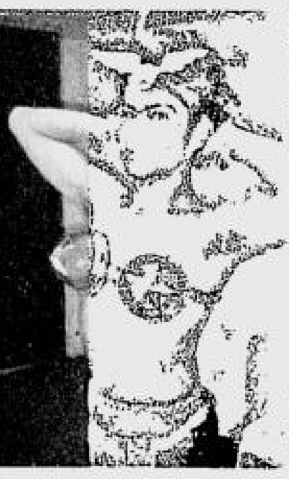
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Finding Kyun-Woo

By Pam Pastor

The South Korean movie, 'My Sassy Girl,' hits like gospel: you want to spread the good word

KYUN-WOO is a guy who would exchange shoes with you if your feet hurt, even if you were wearing high heels. He would carry you on his back if you decided to get drunk. He would face your parents' wrath, no matter how scared he was.

Kyun-Woo can just watch you sleep the whole night. He would go to jail and face thugs and rebel soldiers bravely for you. He would allow himself to fall into a body of water if you wanted to find out how deep it was. He would climb a mountain just so you could find out if he could hear you from that far away. He would wait for you if you were not ready for him.

Kyun-Woo gets annoyed sometimes, but he's always gentle. He would understand your quirks, your neuroses and love you for them. He becomes more and more beautiful every day, not because he's handsome—he isn't, not really—but because his heart is pure.

Kyun-Woo would unwittingly make you fall in love with him.

Kyun-Woo is one of the lead stars of "My Sassy Girl," South Korea's second highest-grossing film for 2001, and the highest grossing Korean comedy in history. Kyun-Woo is a guy my friend Nic introduced to me.

"There's a movie I think you should watch," Nic, who is based in Hong Kong, said to me in an online message one day early this year. Just weeks later, he flew to Manila and showed up at my office at 3 a.m. to hand me a DVD copy.

It stayed on my shelf for a while, comfortably nested between "Bridget Jones's Diary" and "Requiem for a Dream." I was waiting for the right time to watch it, I guess. Waiting for the desire to hit me.

One lazy afternoon, I decided to finally watch it..For two hours, I was completely sucked in. I was floored. Exhilarated. Amazed.

From the time Kyun-Woo (played by Korean pop star Cha Tae-hyun) had his first late-night encounter on the subway with the drunk girl (played by Jun Ji-hyun of "Il Mare"), I was hooked.

They had me laughing and crying, and laughing and crying some more.

It has been reported that Dreamworks has a remake in the wraps. If they screw this film up, I will be personally offended.

The film, based on a real-life online journal, tells the story of a college guy and the love of his life, a nameless girl who is strong, feisty and a little nutty. In this way, the movie smashes gender stereotypes, as the girl holds more control than Kyun-Woo could ever dream of. Together, they weave a beautiful tale of hilarity, drama and a passion that's strong but not overpowering.

Acting is good, the transition from comedy to drama and back again flows like liquid. There are scenes that leave you in stitches, scenes that get your eyes swollen and scenes that make you long for the kind of love the characters have for each other. Despite this, the movie shouldn't be written off as a chick flick.

No, really.

I enjoyed the movie so much that it felt like a sin not to share it. So a few days after my first taste of "My Sassy Girl," I asked my brother to watch it. I had to use a little persuasion to get him to sit still but he ended up liking it. It even sparked a serious conversation between us—about how far we'd go for the people we love.

Days later, I invited my college *barkada* to watch it at my house (ermm, we may even have skipped a class). I had a grand time taking snapshots while even the toughest of them bawled. They all fell in love with the movie, too.

I then passed on the movie to my best friend J, who watched it in the middle of the night and ended up crying as well.

Less than a week later, it was my cousins' turn. One cousin, who has stayed away from romance since birth, was suddenly wistful, if swollen-eyed.

My DVD hasn't found its way back home. It's still being passed on from friend to friend. I'm definitely not complaining. There's no doubt about it, this movie possesses serious charisma—even for those people with an aversion to subtitles. And apparently, everyone who has seen this film wants others to see it, like I did.

J's sister, who found the DVD in their house, admitted she enjoyed the movie likewise. Some friends were able to get their own copies and started sharing them with other friends. I know one girl who is working hard to make sure everyone in her office has seen the film at least once. She forces her other friends to borrow her copy, even when they don't seem to be interested. But these reluctant people always and inevitably fall in love with the movie—so much so that they'd try to get their own copies to share—especially with their significant others.

Forget spam, forget forwarded SMS. "My Sassy Girl" is the chain letter of ... right now. But you need lots of luck to find a copy. Beg, steal—well okay, don't steal, borrow. Although some online merchants sell copies, they're out of stock most of the time. A friend or relative abroad might be your best bet. I'd offer to let you watch at my house but I don't know how my grandma would feel about that.

The movie does make you wistful. In fact, it awakens your desire to start looking for your own Kyun-Woo. Me, I don't want to find Kyun-woo; I want to be someone else's Kyun-woo.

As for Nic, I will forever be indebted to him.

(E-mail the author at ppastor@inquirer.com.ph.)

Dub me right

OUT THE WINDOW

Tals Diaz

WHILE channel-surfing one night, I chanced upon Buffy, the blonde, stylish Vampire Slayer and proud owner of a closet full of the coolest leather trench coats, ready to pounce on yet another ubiquitous creature of the night.

There was something vaguely odd about the scene, something I couldn't put a finger on. I asked myself—why was Buffy breathing more heavily than usual? Why was she heaving out clipped, high-pitched moans as if in pre-coital excitement when she's supposed to be creeping quietly by the crypts? The mystery was soon revealed unto me. Just as Buffy swankily claimed her stake on the unsuspecting vampire, she mouthed off his dark requiem . . . in fluent Japanese.

Once again, I had been fooled unwittingly by the dubbing demons of the flat screen! Enough of this cross-bred cinematic con act!

There is just simply something so wrong about the whole viewing experience whenever I watch these awkward, dubbed-and-dumber scenarios unfold before my couch-potato eyes. It's sort of like wearing a fur coat at the Pyramids in Egypt—no matter how hard you try and pretend it's okay, it just isn't, and will never be, right.

It amuses me no end, the glaringly obvious facial miscues, as if the characters' mouths had a life separate from the dialogue, like all those kung fu movies wherein sleek, slit-eyed fighters harangue enemies in English with American inflections. Also the insanely obvious fact that the character's features don't jive with their gab, like ketchup on sushi, or pâté on burritos. I can't help but stifle a guffaw every time I chance upon the dubbed *telenovelas* in which a cast of light-haired, aquiline-nosed *mestizos y mestizas* converse as if they had all topped Balarila and Talasalitaan exams back in high school.

What grates my nerves the most is the cognition that language, an inherent part of culture, can never fully be translated without diminishing its eloquence; there are just too many nuances wholly unique to the native speakers. Case in point: I once tried to explain the Tagalog word "*kilig*" to an American friend. "It's like, you know, when you get so happy, like, but in a romantic way, like if a girl did something to you and like, you're so happy you could sing in the rain?" Of course I got nowhere.

I tried again in a charade—I clutched my heart and put on a starry-eyed face, breathed in deeply and exhaled in a sigh. *Then* he understood.

Real-life drama

Maybe I'm just being a total global geek, or a cultu-realist as opposed to a cinea-surrealist.

Not too long ago, I starred in a real-life *telenovela*, or at least that's what it felt like. I shared an apartment with two Colombians and a Mexican guy last year, while I was studying in Australia. Yes, they did in fact resemble some of the characters on those afternoon *telenovelas*, but they did not talk to me like they were Balagtasan champs. They, of course, spoke Spanish.

I called our cozy little crew Indio United or, alternately, "Two Guys, A Girl and a Fajita Place." It was the first time I had been immersed among real, breathing progeny of Latin American culture that went beyond basic familiarity with top-charters by J Lo, Ricky Martin and Shakira. The simple tasks and errands of everyday life were thrilling. Everything was a discovery.

We were like exotic specimens to each other. I can imagine I was a little more so, especially since it was also their first time to meet and do laundry with a *chica* from Las Islas Filipinas. I loved it when, while preparing coffee in the morning, they sang Latin songs loudly and proudly. And I noted that they couldn't help but salsa along with the beat.

The Colombians just loved eliciting a reaction from me each time they claimed, in mock severity, that they mixed our sugar with cocaine. They mimicked me, all in *cariño*, each time I cried, "*Aray*!" It was the first time they had encountered that word. My Mexican friend invariably laughed at the remnants of my *bading* lingo, like for instance whenever I said, "Can you pass me that *tienes*?" Consider that it would just as if someone asked, "Can you pass me that *meron ka*?"

I savored even our nightly meals together. It was as if day after day, little by little, we were building a bridge over the Pacific Ocean simply by breaking corn bread or sharing garlic rice. The Colombians would feed me their spicy sauces, *ajiaco* and *hogao*, while I gave them healthy servings of *sinigang* and *adobo*. On weekends by the beach, they let me try *aguardiente* and "real" tequila shots that were not of the light Jose Cuervo variety. I, in turn, passed around bottles of ice cold San Miguel Pale Pilsen, sold at a premium in Aussie bottle shops. They shared their Carlos Vives music with me, and I played selected tracks from my "Pinikpikan" CD. Even weeknight DVD hunting was a refreshing experience. They introduced to me critically acclaimed Latin American films such as "Our Lady of Assassins," "Y Tu Mama Tambien" and "Central Station," forging my permanent interest in movies south of the American equatorial line.

Shared past

In the same way that we toasted our differences, we relished our similarities in the light of a shared colonial past. It was certainly more than the pleasant discovery that we all ate *chicharon* and *empanadas*, and that they had their own versions of the Barong Tagalog. Yes, more than these, it was the subtleties in unscripted conversations at 4 a.m., like when one of us uttered the word *delicadeza* and the rest nodded in a collective understanding. It was more of these silences between sentences that ultimately revealed an idealistic vision of the future of beleaguered Third World countries such as ours.

Perhaps this is what magical realism (which I believe is their continent's top export) is about—the fascinating realness of everyday, the undubbed quality of day-to-day scenes that bring about an unshakable solidarity among peoples separated by wide oceans.

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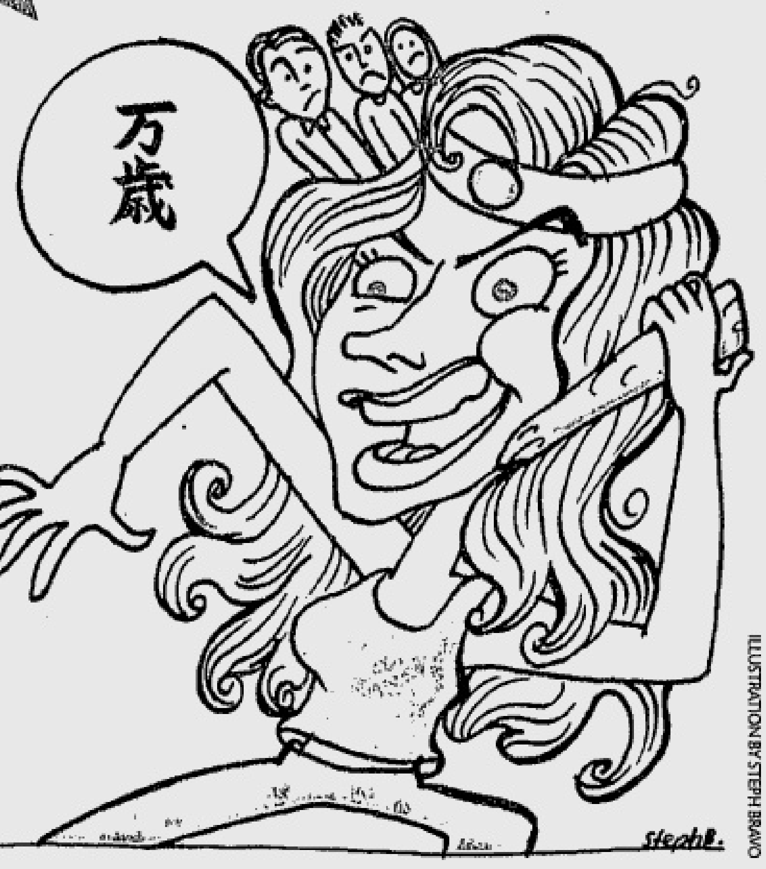

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'The Debut' of Pinoy Pride

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They want their son to go to medical school. He wants to become an artist. Their daughter is having her debut soon, and the whole movie takes place in the 24 hours leading up to it.

Every single person in this country, rich or poor, has relatives in the United States. "The Debut" is their story. What makes it different, though, is how it unfolds. Tackling issues common to all Filipinos and making them so easy to relate to, "The Debut" is a triumph for Filipino film.

"My Big Fat Greek Wedding," eat your heart out!

Having studied in the US, I got to see firsthand the different types of Pinoys there. I went to Stanford University, near San Francisco which, other than Los Angeles, has the largest Filipino population in America.

I knew a girl there who graduated from Philippine Science High School and who, with her faux American accent would say, "Sorry dude, I can't understand you coz' I never really learned how to speak Tag-Alog." With blond-dyed hair and facial piercings, she ran around with the white crowd, vowing never to come home again. It made me sad to see her around campus. It wasn't whom she associated with that got to me. In fact most of my friends were white or Latino, too. What saddened me was, like Ben, the confused main character of "The Debut," she thought where she came from was something to be ashamed of.

In contrast to this White Wannabe Woman, other Pinoys refused to make friends outside their little community. They were derogatorily called FOBs (Fresh Off the Boat). While I understood that this comfort zone made them feel less lonely, I always thought that living in an international community and not taking advantage of the learning that comes with that was a waste.

Every so often, I would trek down to Daly City to have Pinoy food and talk with the people there. Again and again the themes tackled in "The Debut" would come up. *"Alam mo iho, ang mga anak ko, walang kagalang-galang. Akala nila porke't* English *spokening sila, at kami ay hindi, hindi na kami kailangan respetuhin* (you know, son, my children don't respect me, just because they speak English and I don't)." Or, "*Mahirap din pala ang buhay dito. At least sa atin, kahit mahirap, masaya* (life here is hard, too; at least back home even if its hard, we're happy)."

For many in the US, the "American Dream" is still a dream. Having lived on both sides of the pond, I think I've figured some things out. I don't think the American Dream is about owning a SUV and living in a house with a white picket fence. Going to America and maximizing what it has to offer isn't about becoming American. In fact what America has to offer is "unity in diversity." You can be whatever you want to be.

Being Pinoy isn't all about putting up flags, either. Wherever you live, if you teach your kids the right values, they will retain the essence of their culture. My dream is for everyone to look at their brown skin in the mirror and say, "You know what? I'm Pinoy and damn proud to be so!"

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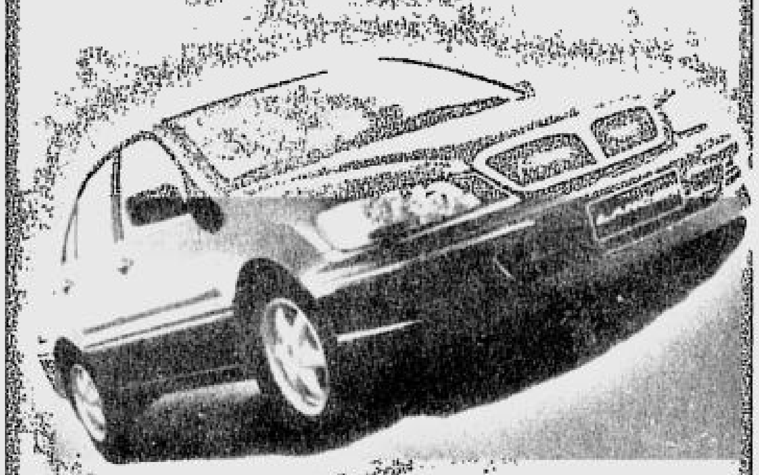

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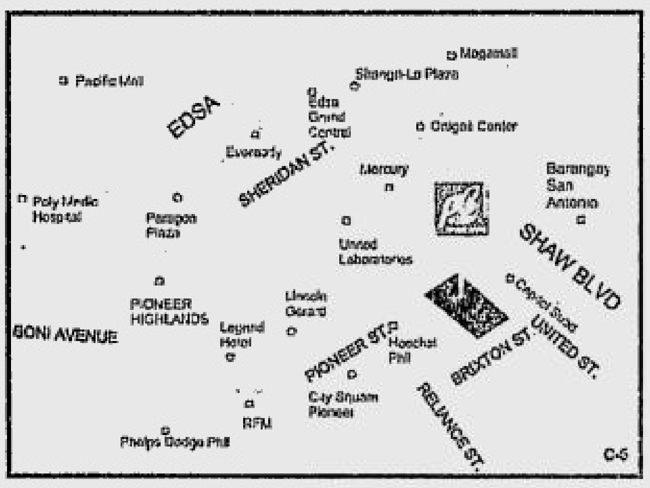

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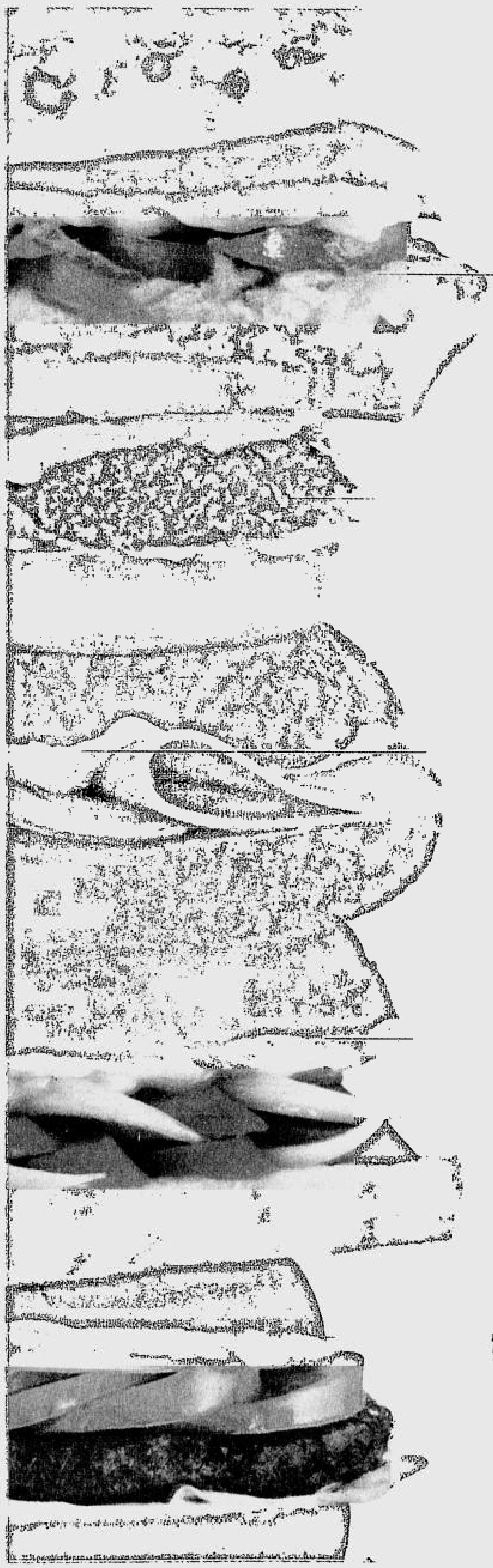

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